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ON ANZIO BEACHHEAD FRONT:

ALLIED POSITIONS IMPROVE

3-Day Bitter Fighting Continues: Enemy Counter-Attacks Repulsed

ALGIERS, Feb. 20.

The Allied positions have been improved on the Anzio beachhead front, it is officially announced.

THREE-DAY ATTACK CONTINUES

From Reuter's Special Correspondent—Anzio Beachhead, Saturday:—For three days now the German attack driving down the Albano-Anzio road has continued, with but a few hours' break. New troops have been thrown in by the enemy but that stern line that faces them remains unchanged. Ground trembles under the weight of artillery bursts and blazing vehicles provide fitful illumination over the scene. German tanks ar rumbling along the road and German infantry seek to exploit such advantages as they may have and rush the positions where tired but determined British troops bar their way.

Mediterranean Allied force advance Headquarters:—

Sunday's "communique" said:

"LAND: On Fifth Army front at Anzio our positions have been improved. During previous 24 hours continuous violent fighting has taken place, with both sides employing tanks infantry and strong artillery support. Both sides also have been very active in the air. Heavy casualties have been inflicted on the enemy.

COUNTER-ATTACKS REPULSED

On the main Fifth Army front, strong pressure has been maintained against the enemy in Cassino and mountains west of the town. Newly-won hill positions have been consolidated. Elsewhere on this front British troops repulsed two counter-attacks. More than 100 prisoners were captured, including three company commanders.

Eighth Army patrols were active inflicting casualties on the enemy and taking prisoners. Operations in the mountains were hampered by deep snow and ice.

AIR: Enemy positions in the beachhead area were bombed yesterday by medium and fighter bombers. Fighters flew continual beachhead patrols. During the day 26 enemy aircraft were destroyed. Our losses were three. The Mediterranean Allied Air Force flew approximately 800 sorties. Enemy actitities over beachhead amounted to about 150 sorties".

GAIN OF ABOUT 3,000 YARDS

Reuter's Special Correspondent at the Allied Headquarters in North Africa says that the total gain made by German forces against the Anzio beachhead is less than 3,000 yards. Six German divisions are being used in the Anzio road attack.

Strong Allied counter-attacks wiped out part of the German gains along the Narrow-Anzio road salient which were made at great cost in three days of bloodiest fighting. The Six Divisions thrown by the Germans into their effort to smash through to Anzio supplemented the already strong force by a minimum of 30,000 more men.

On the main Fifth Army front, the Germans made four counter-attacks employing tanks to drive the Fifth Army out of Cassino railway station. Inside the town German rifle grenade and mortar fire has been silenced by Allied machine-guns.

AN ESCAPE HATCH

There is no fresh news of what is happening on Abbey Hill, West and North West of Cassino. Fifth Army men have captured and consolidated 1,700 foot crest, increasing the threat, though the Monastery Hill remains in German hands and provides them with an escape hatch.—Reuter.

"PROMISING PROSPECTS"

DALLAS TEXAS, Feb. 20.

The Under Secretary for War, Mr. Robert Patterson, stated to-day: "The situation in Italy is in hand and the prospects are promising. There is no doubt at all about our ability to hold the beachhead at Anzio. The operation will take on the offensive character."

Turning to the Pacific he said, "the progress against Japan may go quickly."—Reuter.

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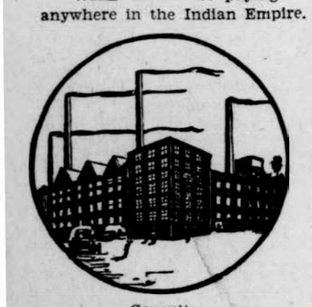

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U. S. Capture Jap Air Base In Marshalls

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.

The United States Navy Department announces that American forces have captured the Japanese air base at Engebi and several other islands in the northern Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshalls. Preliminary reports indicate that our casualties are light.

The text of the "communique" is as follows: "United States Forces have captured the enemy air base at Engebi and several other islands in the northern portion of the Eniwetok Atoll. Preliminary reports indicate that our casualties were light. Assault on other portions of the Atoll is proceeding according to schedule."—Reuter.

PLACES IN CAROLINES BOMBED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.

The Navy Department announces that army Liberators bombed Ponape and Kusale in the Carolines. United States warships repeatedly shelled enemy bases in the Eastern Marshalls between February 14 and 18th.—Reuter

CHANGES IN JAP. CABINET

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.

Changes in the Japanese Cabinet are announced in a Japanese News Agency dispatch picked up by the office of War Information to-day.

The chief appointments are those of Chief Financial Adviser to the Nanking Puppet Chinese Government, Sotaro Ishiwata as Minister of Finance, the Governor of Niyagi Prefecture, Shinya Uchida as Minister of Agriculture and Commerce and President of the Yokohama Electric Railway, Keita Goto as Minister of Transport and Communications.

The official announcement said that the outgoing Ministers Orkinori Kaya, Yamazaki and Yoshiaki Hatta had been relieved of their posts at their own requests.—Reuter.

Position "Virtually Unchanged"

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied H.Q., North Africa, Feb. 19:-Eighty hours after Kesselring launched his second all-out attack to sweep the Allies into the sea, the two armies are still locked in the battle of the bridgehead, their positions virtually unchanged.

In the second great battle 50 miles to the south, the Germans' hold on Cassino is growing hourly more precarious. They are still making desperate efforts to hold off the flood which the loss of Cassino would allow to pour down the Rome road, but the town is now practically encircled with only a narrow escape gap to the west and south-west.

The railway station to the south of the town is in Allied hands.

NO SIGN OF IT

According to the latest reports, the Allied counter-attacks against the German thrust below Carroceto are "making progress." In the meantime the remainder of the perimeter remains undented. The extent of the Allied withdrawal is not indicated and everything points to the situation being rapidly restored. The German pressure shows no sign of easing at any point.

The Germans are reaping the fullest advantage of the bad weather which, blanketing the Beachhead area, grounded Allied heavy bombers yesterday and reduced the ratio of Allied air superiority from about 12 to 1 to 3 to 1.

Indian and New Zealand troops are now taking part in the breakthrough battle for Cassino, but it is not revealed whether they are new formations or have been transferred from the Eighth Army front where such units have so far been solely located.—Reuter.

MONTY'S DIARY

Publishers Vieing One Another To Secure

LONDON: General Sir Bernard Montgomery, Commander of the British Group of Armies for Second Front, under Gen. Eisenhower has kept a complete diary of North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns. Several leading publishers in London are vieing one another to secure but he has declined these offers. He said in an interview:—"It is safe under lock and key. No one knows where".—India Press Service.

ON ARAKAN FRONT

Japs Forces Show Signs Of Becoming Unco-ordinated: Slaughter Of Enemy Continues

NEW DELHI, Feb. 20.

During the last 48 hours the main Japanese force on the Arakan front has been showing some signs of becoming unco-ordinated in face of the continuous determined fighting and growing pressure of our troops, says a 'communique' issued by the South-East Asia Command to-day.

During the night of February 18-19 an enemy raiding column on the west of the Mayu range once again managed to bring fire to bear on the Bawli road, 12 miles north of Maungdaw but on February 19 this column was driven from the western foot hills through the jungle to the eastern slopes of the range.

Many enemy dead and some equipment has been found in the captured positions evacuated by this force after bitter fighting.

In the Kalapanzin valley our relieving troops continued their advance to the south clearing further areas of the enemy where some Japanese movement southward is now reported.

The main Japanese force still holds some of its positions on the eastern exit of the Ngakyedauk pass. In this area our troops continue to take steady progress.

The position is likely to remain somewhat confused and severe fighting must be expected to continue during the next few days.

The Chin Hills-Chindwin front remains quiet.

In the Hukawng valley following an enemy retreat from the area north and east of Taipha Ga. Chinese forces occupied enemy positions north of the Tanai river to the mouth of the Mawnight Hka. Our forces continue to advance towards Laawnga. West and south of Taipha Ga, Chinese units continue to advance slowly. South of Fort Hertz our patrols are attempting to dislodge the enemy at Magwi Kindu. Fighting continues by our forces advancing east on the Thwk trial.

U. S. Fighters and fighter bombers of the Tactical Air Force, operating in Northern Burma on February 18 hit a Japanese camp, stores area and radio station 10 miles south of Kamaing, while another formation attacked a Bvouac area near Laban, just south of Shaduzup.

R. A. F. fighters and fighter bombers were active in the Homalin area.

R. A. F. M. Bombers on the night of February 19-20 bombed Myohaung. One enemy fighter was damaged. Mediums also bombed Mandalay railway yards. U. S. Mediums attacked a Japanese stores area at Ye-U, 70 miles north-west of Mandalay.

In the Arakan, on February 18 and 19 R. A. F. and I. A. F. escorted dive bombers made five sorties against enemy targets near Buthidaung. In South Burma twin-engined fighters destroyed two bridges and damaged a third in the Taungue region, while during an offensive reconnaissance along the Irrawaddy, between Prome and Myingyan, one steamer, 86 sampans, 51 country craft and seven barges were damaged.

Two Allied aircraft are missing from these operations.

SLAUGHTER OF JAPS

The slaughter of Japs continues on both sides of the Mayu range. Latest reports indicate that almost half the enemy forces involved in the counter-offensive which started a fortnight ago are now casualties.

Bitter fighting continues, particularly around the defence of the East of the Ngakyedauk pass, where a series of attempts at disrupting the Seventh Division has cost the enemy 700 dead. Our counter-attacks, too, have been pushed home.

The Jap positions—pockets spread over the hills in the shape of a boomerang to the north-west of our main force on the east of the Mayu range—are slowly feeling the pinch as our troops close in for the main battle. It is obvious that their supply problem increases daily but undoubtedly they will fight to the end.—A. P.

Britain Denies It

CAIRO, Feb. 20: An Official British statement denies the suggestions made in certain quarters that the food shortage which contributed to the suffering of the Malaria-stricken population of Upper Egypt resulted from British and Allied troops purchasing supplies which would normally have been available for civilians.

The British only purchase cereals and meat in Egypt with the consent of the Egyptian Government, who only sell surpluses.

R.I.N. PREVENTS JAPS LANDING ON INDIAN SOIL

AT SEA, Feb. 18.

Since the fighting flared up on the Arakan front on February 5, units of the Royal Indian Navy's coastal forces have maintained "anti-invasion" patrols in the Naaf River, says a Press Note.

Indications are that the Japanese planned to cross the Naaf and land on Indian soil.

Although they managed to penetrate benind the Fourteenth Army's forward positions, they did not succeed in forcing a general withdrawal, writes an R. I. N. observer, and the only vessels on the milewide, Moonlit River were H. M. I. ships, I. W. T. supply steamers and a few Indian fisning craft.—A. P.

U. S. PRESIDENCY AND DEWEY-WILLKIE PACT

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.

Governor Dewey has hitherto remained adamant towards all appeals by Mr. Willkie to "come out into the open" but there is some talk of the possibility of Dewey and Willkie doing a deal to avoid splitting the Republican Party with Dewey standing for the presidency and Willkie for the vice-Presidency.—Reuter.

BIG R.A.F. RAID ON LEIPZIG

Bomber Command Drops 2,300 Tons Of High Explosives And Incendiaries

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Air Ministry announces: "Last night aircraft of the Bomber Command were out in very great strength. Over 2,300 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on Leipzig, where glow of very large fires was seen through cloud.

"Mosquitos" attacked Berlin and objectives in Western Germany. Holland and Northern France were also bombed. Many mines were laid in enemy waters.

"Seventy-nine of our aircraft are missing".

It is officially announced that U. S. "Marauder" medium bombers attacked targets in Holland on Sunday morning.—Reuter.

HEAVIEST AERIAL RAID ON GERMAN INDUSTRY UNITS

Reuter's special correspondent with a British-based air assault force says that United States Strategic Air Force heavy bombers to-day carried out the greatest daylight aerial undertaking of the war when they attacked major units of the German fighter aircraft industry.—Reuter.

RED ADVANCE SOUTH OF LUGA

Plyussa And Two Other Important Rly. Stations Captured

MOSCOW, Feb. 19.

To-night's Soviet 'communique' states: 'During February 19, south-west and south of Luga, our troops fought their way forward and captured Plyussa, a district centre and large railway station, and also captured in the fighting more than 30 inhabited localities.

South of Lake Ilmen, our troops fought their way forward and occupied more than one hundred inhabited localities including the railway stations of Magovskaya and Tulebiya.

On other sectors of the front, there was patrol activity, artillery and trench mortar duels and at some points local fire. On February 18 on all sectors our troops destroyed or disabled 47 German tanks and shot down eight planes".

RAID ON PSKOV

The 'communique' then continued with the following statement, "During the night of February 18th a strong force of our aircraft raided the railway junction of Pskov. Dozens of military trains crowded at the junction were effectively bombed. About 80 fires were observed which were followed by large explosions. More than 15 trains were seen ablaze. By the end of the raid, the whole area of the junction was a mass of fire. In addition, German military depots and adjoining aeroplane base were bombed. Three of our aircraft are missing.

ENEMY'S HUGE LOSSES

Between February 3 and 18, forces of the Second Ukrainian front in the course of the annihilation of the encircled enemy group inflicted the following losses on the enemy: destroyed 43 aircraft, 155 tanks, 376 guns of various calibre, 59 self-propelled guns, 289 mortars, 900 machine-guns. On the field of battle, bodies of 55,000 enemy dead were found among them, the body of the Commander of German groups surrounded at Morsun Shevhenkovsky, General of artillery Wilhelm Stemmermann.

During the same period our troops captured 41 planes, 116 tanks, 32 armoured cars, 618 guns of various calibre, 51 self-propelled guns, 267 mortars, 789 machine-guns, 85 armoured tank transports, 10,000 lorries, 7 engines, 45 railway fuel trucks and railway trucks, 127 tractors, 405 carts loaded with war material, 6,418 horses, 39,200 gas masks and 64 food dumps and dumps of war material.

Our troops took 18,200 prisoners."

HUGE SOVIET MASSSING

MOSCOW, Feb. 20: (Special despatch from Reuter's Staff Correspondent in Moscow). Russian troops are massing along the vast front from Shepetovka—close to the pre-1939 Polish frontier—to the Dnieper bank opposite Kherson to hit Manstein before he recovers from the Korsun disaster.—Reuter.

Much depends on striking while the Germans are still suffering from the moral effects of Korsun, and while Manstein is struggling to bring his battered panzer divisions upto full operational strength.

At the northern end of the front the two main Soviet drives on Pskov—from the north-east and east—are gaining ground in a succession of hard fought local battles.

The time is approaching when Gen Popov's forces further south will be in a position to support the drive on Pskov with a direct thrust from Velikl Luki towards Latvia.—Reuter.

Stalin Clarifies Russia's Position

LONDON, Feb. 20: The "Observer's special correspondent writes: "Marshal Stalin has declared to a leading member of the Diplomatic Corps in Moscow that Russia has no intention whatsoever of expanding into Central or Western Europe.

Ridiculing the suspicions voiced in some quarters abroad that Russia was aiming at the domination of Europe, he said: "Those who think I would ever embark on the adventurous path of conquest, blantly underestimate my sense of realities. The people who make analogies between Hitler and myself simply show they know nothing about politics". His policy was dictated by Russia's strategic needs which required territorial and political readjustments in Eastern Europe.

On the Polish issue Marshal Stalin iterated his eagerness to come to terms with M. Mikolajczyk's Government and to have the administration of Polish territories to the west of the Curzon line, as soon as it was freed from the enemy without waiting until hostilities are concluded."—Reuter.

Ranji Semi- Final

MADRAS SKITTLED OUT FOR 102

Bengal Make 147 For Two Wickets In Second Knock On Sunday

CALCUTTA, Feb. 20

On the second day of the Semi-Final of the Ranji Trophy Cricket Match between Madras and Bengal, the former were skittled out in their first inning for 102 at 2-50 p.m.

Bengal had made 147 for two wickets at close of play in their second knock.

Bhadradri opened confidently the second day's play between Madras and Bengal in the Semi-Final of the Ranji Trophy Cricket Tournament today but his partner S. Sreenivasan did not seem very happy and at 31 he left, being dismissed with a yorker by M. Sen. (31/3/7).

Ramsingh now came on the stage to bring 50 on the board after the innings had lasted 110 minutes. The scoring was extremely slow. But the circumstances called for caution. Besides there was a bite in the Bengal bowling at this stage. K. Bhattacharjee, who had been bowling well so far, had his first success now when at 56 he had Bhadradri caught by N. Chatterjee at short leg. (56/4/23).

Gopal now joined Ramsingh, who brought off a few delightful drives to reach his own 20. But the new comer fell to a brilliant one-handed catch by M. Sen in the fine leg when the score stood at 71. (71/5/1).

Lunch was taken at the fall of this wicket.

S. Banerjee who got this wicket had the wonderful analysis of 19-14-3-15 at this stage.

There was some vigour in the batsmanship of the visitors after the lunch, but Bengal bowlers did not relax their grip. Ramsingh was now getting into his strides but at 92 he was out leg before wicket. (92/6/36). He had five fours to his credit. Richardson was joined by his Captain Gopalan. At 95 Richardson was clean bowled by Mitter. (95/7/9). One run later Venkatasan, the new comer, went back through a capital catch by Mustafi. (96/8/1). Rangachari came to hoist the century on the board but lost his Captain at 102 thus providing S. Banerjee with another victim. 102/9/0). It was the end as well, for at the same total Rangachari's stumps were uprooted by Mitter. (102/10/4)

Madras thus were in arrears of 133 runs in the first innings.

BENGAL'S SECOND KNOCK

With a lead of 133 runs Bengal launched on their second venture with Jabbar and A. Chatterjee. The opening pair gave good start but at 40 Jobbar fell to a catch at cover by Rangachari. (40/1/22). D. Das now came and Gopalan switched on spin attack at either end. This did not check the flow of runs and Bengal realised 50 runs inside of an hour.

There was no break for tea, which was taken at the conclusion of the Madras innings.

Bengal made 147 for two wickets at the close of play on the second day.

SCORES:

BENGAL (1st Innings)	**235**
MADRAS (1st Innings)	**102**

Krishna Swamy b S. Banerjee 2; Kanan c B. Mitter b S. Banerjee 6; Bhadradri c N. Chatterjee b K. Bhattacharjee 23; Sreenivasan b M. Sen 7; Ramsingh l.b.w. b B. Mitter 36; Richardson b B. Mitter 9; Gopalan b S. Banerjee 0; Venkatesan c S. Mustafi b S. Banerjee 1; Rangachari b B. Mitter 4; Prankusum (not out) 0. Extra 13. Total 102.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: B. Mitter 13.1/3/23/3; S. Banerjee 25/17/27/5; K. Bhattacharjee 23/13/27/1; M. Sen 8/1/12/1; N. Chatterjee 3/3/0/0.

BENGAL (2nd Innings)

A. Jabbar c Rangachari b Ramsingh 23; D. Das b Rangachari 23; A. Chatterjee (batting) 51; N. Chatterjee (batting) 49. Extras 1. Total 147 (for 2 wkts.)

INTER-PROVINCIAL HOCKEY

CALCUTTA, Feb. 20: The following team has been selected to represent Bengal in the forthcoming Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament at Bombay towards the end of this month:—W. Scott; C. Tapsell; (Capt.) I. Meade; S. Ludley; P. Kapur; J. Gallibardy; Captain Swiney; Charanjit Rai; Glacken; Jansen; and Myss. Reserves: Rahman; Naeem; A. Mitter and Rocha.

The team will leave for Bombay on Feb. 23, by the Nagpur Mail with Mr. S. K. Sinha as manager.—A. P.

East Africans Out For It!

NAIROBI, Feb. 19.

General Platt, addressing Nairobi Rotarians on his recent tour in Ceylon, said that East African Troops White and Black, were very fit and were keenly looking forward to getting to grips with the Japanese.—Reuter.

Finland Declines To Participate In Labour Conference

BERLIN, Feb. 17: The German News Agency quoting a Helsinki despatch, "Winland has declined to take part in the Conference of the International Labour Office in Philadelphia in April this year.

The statement points out that Finland's participation would cause difficulties in view of the present International situation. Furthermore it would be impossible for a Finnish delegation to proceed to the United States.

The Finnish Government however expresses its desire to continue to take part in the work of the International Labour Office.—Reuter.

KASTURBA GANDHI'S CONDITION VERY GRAVE

Bombay Govt. Says There Has Been Deterioration For Some Days Past

BOMBAY, Feb. 20.

The Government of Bombay have issued the following Communique on Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi's health:

"Mrs. Gandhi's condition has been deteriorating for some days past and is now very grave".—A. P.

Jinabhai Joshi Released

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Mr. Jinabhai P. Joshi, M.L.A. was released on Saturday from Yeravda Jail. He was suffering from branchopneumonia.

FILM ACTOR RELEASED

BOMBAY, Sunday.

T. N. Charlie, a film actor, who was arrested on December 20, 1943 and detained in Arthur Jail was released on Saturday. He was arrested under Sec. 129 D.I.R. for having written a book in English called "The Chinese Revolution—Its Lessons For India". He stated that all the copies of the book were confiscated.

APPEALS DISMISSED

MADRAS, Feb. 20: Mr. Justice Herwill delivered judgment yesterday in the Madras High Court in what is known as the Feroke Bridge Arson Case, dismissing the appeals preferred by the Crown and the convicted accused.

In this case five persons stood charged with having caused damage on May 1, 1943, to the Feroke Railway Bridge by placing explosive substance in cavities on the top of the second piller of the bridge and igniting them by setting fire to the fuse connected to them.

The Sessions Judge of South Malabar found one of the accused guilty and sentenced him to ten years and to pay a fine of Rs. 500, in default to undergo a further term of two years. The other accused were acquitted.

The Crown preferred an appeal against the order of acquittal of the four accused and the other accused also preferred an appeal against his conviction.

His Lordship dismissed both the appeals holding that there was no sufficient reason to interfere with the decision of the lower court.—United Press.

SIX MONTHS FOR PROCESSIONISTS

VELLORE, Feb. 20: Five Congressmen of Dendalur have been sentenced to six months' R. I. each for the contravention of an order of the District Magistrate of West Godavari by taking out a procession with Mahatma Gandhi's photo and by holding a public meeting in furtherance of the aims and policy of the Congress or its activities. Another person arrested in this connection has been acquitted.

The convicted persons have preferred an appeal to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate who has ordered their release on bail.—United Press.

LEAVE TO APPEAL TO FEDERAL COURT REFUSED

PATNA, Feb. 18.

Mr. Justice Varma and Mr. Justice Shearer refused to grant leave to appeal to the Federal Court to both the petitioners and to the Crown in the 22 cases in which the detention of Mr. Paulan Prasad Verma and several others by the Government was challenged in the High Court and in which while Their Lordships held that the detention of nine persons was illegal and directed their release, Their Lordships refused the applications of other petitioners.

Leave was asked for to appeal to the Federal Court by the petitioners in the 13 cases which were rejected and by the Crown in the other cases in which the deteuns where ordered to be released.—A. P.

U. P. JAIL DELIVERY

BAREILLY, Feb. 20.

The United Press understands that in view of the recent amendment of Rule 26 of the D.I.R. case of detained Congress security prisoners were reviewed by the United Provinces Government and orders for the release of a large number of them are being issued shortly.

The number of security prisoners in the United Provinces is about 9,600—United Press.

U. P. M.L.C. RELEASED

ALMORA, Feb. 19.—Lala Mohan Lal Shah, M.L.C., who was detained under Sec. 26 of the D.I.R., has been released from the District Jail of Almora under orders of the U. P. Government. Interviewed immediately after his release Lala Mohan Lal Shah welcomed the proposed meeting of the U.P. leaders.—A. P.

25 DETENUS RELEASED

SURAT, Feb. 20: Jyolsna Shukla, a political prisoner of Surat and a member of the A. I. C. C. has been released unconditionally. One more detenu belonging to Nadiad has been released.

Since November 1st last, about 25 detenus have been released. It is learned that there are still about 50 detenus in various jails in the Surat District.—A. P.

QUIT ORDER ON LABOURERS

RATLAM, Feb. 20: Six labour workers and 34 labourers have been served with orders under the Defence of India Rules asking them to quit Ratlam within 12 hours and not to enter the Ratlam territory or the State without previous permission of the Ratlam Durbar. They have accordingly quitted.

As a protest against the orders the workers of the Sajjan Textile Mill are on strike.—United Press.

ONE KILLED IN LATHI CHARGE

KARACHI, Feb. 20.

One person died and over 50 received injuries—three seriously—following a lathi charge by policemen attached to the Soldier Bazar police station on a crowd of labourers late last night.

The injured included women and children.

It is reported that some children of labourers were playing cards under a lamp-post when two policemen chased them away. Later the policemen caught hold of a labourer and asked him to show them the houses of children. On his refusal and protests from other labourers one policeman went back to the police station and brought a party of 30 policemen armed with lathis who made lathi charges on the poor labourers in the locality. One man was arrested.—United Press.

WOMEN URGE RELEASE OF LEADERS

Gratified At News Of Suggested Visit Of Mr. Naidu To London

CALCUTTA, Feb. 20: A resolution urging that the only solution of the present impasse was the release of all the national leaders now in jail, and the formation of a National Government at the Centre, having full confidence of the masses, was adopted by the Calcutta branch of the All-India Women's Conference at its annual general meeting held here, this afternoon.

By another resolution, on the immediate protection of women from the economic ravages of the famine in Bengal, the meeting urged Government to enforce rigorously the Immoral Traffic Act on those "who have sought to make profit at the expense of a starving womanhood".

Mrs. Hemlata Tagore, who presided, expressed great satisfaction at the fact that Mrs. Sarojini Naidu had been specially asked by a group of Englishmen to go over to London to focus the world's attention on Indian affairs.—A. P.

Progressive Writers' Association

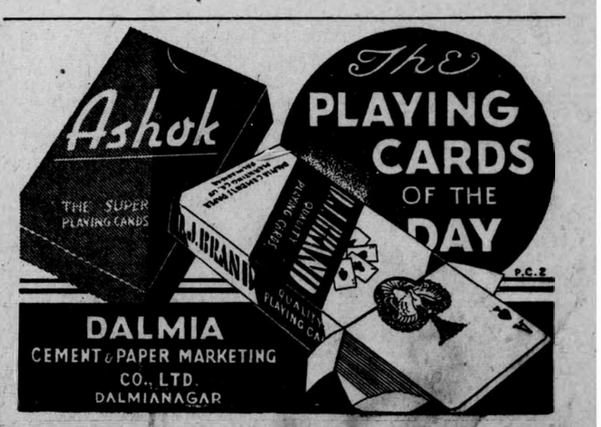
A meeting of the Progressive Writers Association will be held to-morrow (Tuesday), at 4-30 p.m. at the Journalists Club, Prospect Chambers, Hornby Road, when Dr. Amiya Chakravarty and Professors Humayun Kabir, Ayoob and Ali will meet the members.

WHEN SECOND FRONT OPENS

Round-By-Round Broadcasts Of Invasion To Be Given

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.

The Director of the Office of War Information Mr. Elmer Davis said today that there may be round-by-round broadcasts of the forthcoming invasion of Europe. Such stories should be able to go on the air about three hours after action was under way.—Reuter.



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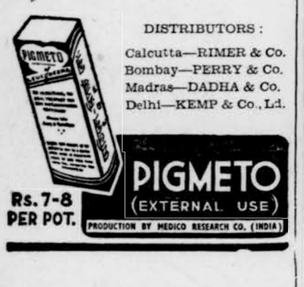

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U. S. Business Efficiency Expert Commits Suicide?

MIAMI (Florida), Feb. 19.

The business efficiency expert, Mr. Charles Bedaux, died in hospital here last night.

An Immigration agent said that Bedaux had taken an overdose of sleeping powders and left a suicide note. He was admitted to hospital on Tuesday after being held in technical custody by Immigration Agents since his arrival from North Africa in December.

A special Board of Inquiry had decided that Bedaux was a United States' citizen and could be admitted to the United States. Bedaux never regained consciousness after taking the sleeping powders. A few hours after, he had been told that the Grand Jury would be convened to decide whether he could be indicted for treason and for communicating with high German officials and the Vichy Government.

Charles Bedaux, who was 56 years old, was born in France and became an American citizen in 1917. The industrial system for speeding up production to which he gave his name aroused great antagonism among American Trade Unions. He had a strange life, starting work as an itinerant labourer and rising to become a millionaire. He was host to H. E. Duke and Duchess of Windsor for their marriage ceremony at the Sixteenth Century Chateau Deucande in France.

When in November 1937, the Duke and Duchess visited the United States, he arranged their tour and was to have acted as guide, but there was such an outcry at the proposal that the Duke's visit did not take place.—Reuter.

B. B. C. HELPING UNDERGROUND PRESS IN EUROPE

LONDON: Many clandestine editors conducting "underground" Press all over Europe will receive the help of the B. B. C. until the invasion is launched. The B. B. C. is making extra transmissions giving special news and advice as to what to tell their readers when the Allies land. A number of writers connected with these papers are now in London to assist these broadcasting services.—India Press Service.

Standardisation Of Wages

NEW DELHI Feb. 20.

Questions relating to standardisation of occupational terms and wages of skilled and semi-skilled workers in India will be examined by four committees consisting of the Chairman, National Service Labour Tribunal, Officers of the Technical Training scheme and Representatives of Employers and Employees, which are being set up immediately in Bombay, Bengal, Bihar and the U. P.—A. P.

ST. XAVIERITES PERTURBED

40 P. C. Found Unfit For Being Sent Up To I.Sc. & B.Sc.

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Students of the St. Xavier's College are beseiging newspaper offices as they feel that a grave injustice has been done to them, by the manner in which more than 40 per cent of the students of the Intermediate and the B. Sc., classes have been denied forms to go for the University examinations and detained for another year.

Inquiries made in this connection reveal that the selection of the students is solely in the hands of the principal. The professors and the staff are not called upon for a general meeting before the selection, so that their recommendations might be considered. The selection is based entirely on the marks register and the principal's discretion.

It is rather strange that such a large number of students are found unfit in the preliminary test when entrance to the St. Xavier's College is granted on the basis of a student getting high marks at the Matriculation.

In the other colleges, the preliminary test is a formal affair, where failure is exceptional, most of the students being sent up as a matter of course, in the hope that, since more than a month is left for the University Exams., they will make good during the period. Their expectations are usually justified.

The students complain that as the Principal refuses to interview them or their parents, they are not even given a fair hearing when they could explain matters. The students who are hit hardest by this, are the poorer students who depend on charitable institutions not only for books and fees, but for food and clothes. By denying a second chance to these students, there is the grave risk of cutting their careers short.

A large number of students have sent a petition to the Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University, complaining about their difficulties.

COTTAGE & HAND-LOOM WEAVING INDUSTRIES

Extension Of Grants-In-Aid: Standing Finance Committee Decisions

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19.

Proposals relating to the mobilisation of small savings, the appointment or extension of the term of trade commissioners for India in foreign countries, grants-in-aid to some cottage industries and the more effective use of skilled and unskilled labour, were approved by the Standing Finance Committee at a meeting held today, Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member, presiding.

The Committee approved of the proposal to extend for a further period of two years, from November 29, 1943, or for the duration of the war, whichever was earlier, the post of the Indian Trade Commissioner in South America.

The Committee also approved a proposal for the creation of a post of Indian Trade Commissioner in Iran, for a period of two years with effect from the next financial year.

EXTENSION OF GRANTS

Proposals relating to the extension of grants-in-aid to the sericultural industry, cottage and small scale woollen industries and the handloom weaving industry for a further period of one year (1944-45) were approved.

A grant of Rs. one lakh a year was being made to the sericultural industry since 1935-36. As protection to the industry would continue beyond 1943-44, it was proposed to continue the grant-in-aid also for another year on the existing scale.

The cottage and small scale woollen industries were receiving a grant in-aid of Rs one lakh a year from 1936-37.

As regards the handloom weaving industry, it was explained to the Committee that, as it was proposed to continue protection to the cotton textile industry beyond March 31 1944, it was necessary to continue the grant-in-aid to that industry also for another year, i.e., upto March 31, 1945.

LABOUR EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

Another proposal approved by the Committee regarding labour was the establishment of employment exchanges at a recurring expenditure of Rs. 1,67,000 per annum, a portion of which was debitable to Defence expenditure as the exchanges would cater for the demobilised technical personnel of that department. Provincial Governments would also contribute a share of the expenditure subject to a maximum.

It was proposed to build up an organisation to deal with registration and voluntary placement of the many skilled and semi-skilled workmen who would be thrown out of employment on the termination of hostilities. The National Services Tribunals, which had gained much experience of the requirements of employers and placement of labour, would be used for the setting up of voluntary employment exchanges for skilled and semi skilled personnel.—A.P.

HASRAT MOHANI'S FORMULA

CAWNPORE, Feb. 20.

Maulana Hasrat Mohani has been invited to attend the proposed All-Parties Conference to be held in Delhi. He is leaving for Allahabad soon to see Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.

In a statement to the Press, the Maulana says: "My opinion is that the proposed Conference should try to make the following formula the basis for the formation of a united demand: India is ready to accord full co-operation to the present British Government in war efforts and agree to the formation of Coalition Central and Provincial Governments responsible to Parliament during the interim period, provided Britain decides now to accept the creation and establishment of Indian Socialist Republics on the basis of the latest Soviet constitution allowing complete freedom to various constituent units.

"I am glad that Mr. Rajagopalachari speaking at Belgaum expressly suggested acceptance of this very scheme and I have reason to believe that both Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah are not opposed to my scheme. Let an independent organisation like the proposed Conference formulate tangible proposals as suggested by me which, I know, are acceptable to all parties who do not take the initiative due to mutual suspicion."—United Press.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19.—One-day closing in the week of slaughter houses throughout the province, is one of the proposals now under consideration of the Government of Bengal in connection with their—"save cattle campaign", it is learnt.—A. P.

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THIS LIST WILL OPEN ON 23RD FEBRUARY 1944 AND WILL CLOSE AS SOON AS IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE SHARES OFFERED FOR PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION HAVE BEEN APPLIED FOR, BUT NOT EARLIER THAN THE 29TH FEBRUARY, 1944.

PROSPECTUS OF

THE PORTLAND RUBBER ESTATES LIMITED

Authorised Capital		**Rs. 12,00,000**
Divided into		
60,000 **Ordinary Shares of Rs. 10/- each:**	**Rs.**	**6,00,000**
60,000 **Preference Shares of Rs. 10/- each:**	**„**	**6,00,000**
	Rs.	**12,00,000**
PRESENT ISSUE		
40,000 **Ordinary Shares of Rs. 10/- each:**	**Rs.**	**4,00,000**
40,000 **6% Cum. Pref. Shares of Rs. 10/- each:**	**„**	**4,00,000**
	Rs.	**8,00,000**

The Directors and their friends have agreed to subscribe for 10,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 10/- each, and 10,000 Preference Shares of Rs. 10/- each. This leaves a balance of 30,000 Ordinary Shares and 30,000 Preference Shares available for public subscription.

BOTH PAYABLE
ON APPLICATION : Rs. FIVE
AND
ON ALLOTMENT: Rs. FIVE

PREFERENCE SHARES:—The Preference Shares shall carry cumulative preferential right to dividend at the rate of 6% free of British Indian Income-tax and shall further enjoy the preferential right to the prior return of capital over the other classes of shares in the event of the company going into liquidation either voluntarily or otherwise or if the company is amalgamated with any other company and shall also be entitled to all arrears of Cum. dividend whether declared or not till the date of winding-up or amalgamation of the Company with any other Company and they shall not have any other right either over profits or capital other than those specified herein.

PREFERENTIAL ALLOTMENT

PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION IN ALLOTMENT WILL BE GIVEN TO DEBENTURE APPLICATION WHEREVER, THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY APPLICATIONS FOR PREF. AND ORDINARY SHARES OF AT LEAST AN EQUAL AMOUNT.

Ordinarily application for Debentures, or any one class of shares alone will not be considered unless it be for not less than Rs. 5,000/- from one applicant.

DEBENTURE ISSUE

The debenture issue will consist of 4,000 first mortgage debentures with rights of BEARER BONDS of Rs. 100/- each, carrying 5% interest per annum tax free, interest payable half-yearly on the 30th June and 31st December every year, and as per conditions of Trust Deed to be executed in favour of the debenture Trustee draft copy of which initialled by the Trustee Designate and Directors, will be left with Company's legal advisers at Madras.

The debentures are redeemable on or before 30th June 1954, but at the option of the Company, they are liable to be redeemed before that date by annual instalments of 10% every year commencing from 1st January 1947, such debentures for redemption to be drawn by lots.

DEBENTURE APPLICATION.

On Application in full .. Rs. 100/- per debenture

The Directors and their friends have also agreed to subscribe for 1,000 Debentures of Rs. 100/- each (Rs. 1 lakh) and the balance 3,000 Debentures are offered to public.

DEBENTURE TRUSTEES.

Thomcos Bank Ltd. .. Calicut.

DIRECTORS.

1. A. V. GEORGE, Esq., Ancherll, Kottayam, Chairman, Municipal Council, Kottayam. Chairman, Kailas Rubber Co. Ltd. Chairman, Ponmudi Rubbers Ltd. Chairman, Mangalam Plantations Ltd. Chairman, Investment Corporation Ltd. Director, Thamarappally Rubber Co. Ltd. Director, Udayagiri Rubber Co. Ltd. Director, Anandam Rubber Co. Ltd. Director, Nenmany Rubber Co. Ltd. Director, Nilgiri Tea Estates Ltd. Director, Travancore Forward Bank Ltd. Managing Director, A. V. George & Co. Ltd.
2. K. NAGENDRA PRABHU, Esq., Thoppil House, Alleppey, Director Malabar Co-operation Rubber Co. Ltd. Director, South Travancore Plantations Ltd. Director, Thomcos Bank Ltd. Director Alleppey Bank Ltd. Director, Mankot Mills Ltd. Director Nelliampathy Tea & Produce Co., Ltd.
3. T. K. ALEXANDER, Esq., Punalur, Director Be Be Rubber Estates Ltd. Director, Cochin Plantations Ltd. Director, Investment Corporation Ltd. Director, United Agencies Ltd.
4. M. R. ANANTHANARAYANA IYER, Esq., Mecheri Madhom, Killroor, Kottayam, Chairman, Bank of Deccan Ltd. Director, Mangalam Plantations Ltd. Director, Oriental Trades Ltd. Director, Manjappara Rubber Estates Ltd. Director, Bharat Investors Ltd.
5. K. GOPALA PILLAI, Esq., (Ex-Officio)., Lakshmi Bhavan Veloor, Kottayam, Director, The Planting Agencies (India) Ltd. Managing Proprietor, The Travancore Agencies.

BANKERS:
THE THOMCOS BANK LTD., Alleppey & Calicut.
THE BHARAT BANK LTD., Madras & Bombay.
THE INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK LTD., Madras & Bombay.
THE TRAVANCORE FORWARD BANK LTD., Kottayam.
THE BANK OF DECCAN LTD., Kottayam.

AUDITORS:
Messrs. HARIHARAN AND CO., Registered Accountants,
61, Stock Exchange Bldg., Apollo Street, Fort, BOMBAY.

BROKERS:
P. R. SUBRAMANYAM, ESQ., M.A., (Member, Bombay Stock Exchange),
Stock, Share & Finance Broker,
61, Stock Exchange Building, Apollo Street, Fort, BOMBAY.

MANAGING AGENTS:
Messrs. THE PLANTING AGENCIES (India) Ltd., Alleppey.

REGISTERED OFFICE:
COORG.

PROSPECTUS

OBJECTS: The Company has been started for the various purposes set forth in the Memorandum of Association (a copy of which together with the names of the Signatories thereto is annexed to and forms part of the Prospectus) and this issue is made particularly to purchase and work the Portland Rubber Estates belonging to the Coorg Rubber Co., Ltd., situated in the Province of Coorg. The following contracts have been entered into:—

(a) Between the Coorg Rubber Co., Ltd., Calicut and Mr. K. Gopala Pillai for the purchase of Portland Estates belonging to the first-named Company for a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs.
(b) Between Mr. K. Gopala Pillai of the Travancore Agencies, and Mr. Ananthanarayana Iyer on behalf of the Portland Rubber Estates Ltd. whereby the former has agreed to transfer his rights for a consideration of Rs. 10 lakhs WITHOUT TAKING ANY PROFIT, WHATSOEVER, FOR HIMSELF.

PARTICULARS OF ESTATE

AREA: Total matured Rubber area is 1,238 acres.

SITUATION: The Portland Rubber Estates lie in the Province of Coorg and is linked with a good Government road from Tellicherry and is only 36 miles from Tellicherry Post and Railway Stations Malabar.

PREVIOUS CROP.

The Crop harvested during 1941-42 is	2,81,900 lbs.
The Crop harvested during 1942-43 is	3,12,384 lbs.
The Crop estimated by the Coorg Rubber Company for 1943-44 is	3,45,000 lbs.
Estimated Crop for 1944-45 is	3,45,000 lbs.

The above statement shows the steady increase in yield of the Coorg Rubber Company. The mature Rubber area is in excellent condition and the estimated yield from this area works out only at about 300 lbs. per acre which is considered to be modest. We anticipate at least 370 lbs. per acre in the near future. The estate has been well cared for by the previous owners and results of their manuring and intensive cultivation have just started bearing result. It is therefore expected that better crop will be easily possible hereafter. But due to the heavy rains during the last few months, there is a slight decrease in Crop which may be compensated in the course of the next four months.

PROSPECTS.

The Income estimated from the Estates;—

Revenue :—	Rs.	
3,45,000 lbs. at 75 Cents per lb.		2,58,750
	Rs.	
Less Production Cost at 30 Cents per lb.	1,03,500	
Less Office Allowance of Rs. 850/- per month	10,200	
Less 5 p.c. Interest on Debentures for the value of Rs. 4,00,000.	20,000	
Less Dividend on Pref. Shares at 6 p.c. to the value of Rs. 4,00,000	24,000	
Less Reserve for Debenture redumption per year	40,000	
Less 5 p.c. Managing Agency Commission	7,500	2,05,200
Balance	Rs.	53,550

The balance available for distribution among the holders of ordinary Shares will render a dividend of 13½% possible. The above calculation is on a very conservative estimate.

After redemption of Debentures the Company will be in a position to pay handsome dividends on Ordinary Shares.

PAYMENT TO VENDORS & DISPOSAL OF CAPITAL MONEYS:

By an agreement dated 2nd May 1943 and amendments thereof between Mr. K. Gopala Pillai of the one part, and the Vendors, the Coorg Rubber Co., Ltd., a Company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act with its Registered Office at Calicut, of the other part, Mr. K. Gopala Pillai has obtained an option of purchase of the said estate from the Vendors for a price of Rs. 10 lakhs and he has agreed to assign to the Company his rights to purchase the Estates for a consideration of Rs. 10 lakhs without taking any middleman's profit whatsoever, for himself.

For purchase of Portland Estates	Rs. 10,00,000
For Estimated Preliminary Expenses includng conveyance, Registration, Stamp Duty Advertisement, Printing, Travelling, Lawyers' fee, sundries, etc.	75,000
For Brokerage and underwriting	50,000
For Working Expenses	75,000
	Rs. 12,00,000

CAPITALISATION

The price to be paid for the estates is Rs. 10 lakhs and estimated preliminary expenses and working capital amount to Rs. 2 lakhs. The estate is so well equipped with adequate Bungalows, Staff-quarters, and cooly lines and in particular with a Crepe Factory costing about Rs. 2 lakhs. Therefore the capitalisation will be as follows on a very conservative basis:—

	Rs.
Buildings, Lines and Quarters, etc. ..	65,000
Crepe Factory ..	1,35,000
1,238 Acres of yielding Rubber area at abcut 808 per acre ..	10,00,000
	Rs. 12,00,000

THE ABOVE FIGURES WILL SHOW THE CAPITALISATION PER ACRE OF PLANTED RUBBER, WORKS AT ONLY ABOUT RS. 808/- WHICH IS CONSIDERED TO BE VERY LOW WHEN COMPARED TO SOME OF THE RECENT RUBBER FLOTATIONS.

When the Debentures are redeemed the capitalisation will go down to about Rs. 647/- per acre.

It is rumoured that the price of Rubber is likely to be FIXED AT Re. 1/- per lb. and if that be the case, the distributable surplus to Ordinary Shares will be very much higher.

SHARES AND VOTES

Every share, Preference or Ordinary, entitles the holder thereof to one vote exercisable either in person or by proxy.

DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATION.

The qualification for a Director other than an Ex-Officio Director is holding in his name either class of shares to the nominal value of Rs. 2,500/-.

All Directors will be remunerated with a sum of Rs. 25/- for each Board Meeting attended by him plus Travelling Expenses for attending such Meeting.

They are also entitled to any other expense they may incur by authorisation in or about the company's business. If any Director be appointed to advise the company as an expert or be called upon to perform any professional service or other extra work or services or make special exertions for any of the purposes of the Company, the Directors may pay to such Director such special remuneration as they think fit, which may be in the form of either salary, commission or lump sum.

DIRECTORS' INTEREST

None of the Directors of the Company is interested except in a personal capacity and to the extent of their holdings of shares in the company except Mr. K. Gopala Pillai, the Vendor, who has assigned his option to the Company without any extra consideration on his purchase price. Mr. K. Gopala Pillai is also interested as a Director of the Managing Agency Firm.

MANAGEMENT

Subject to the control and supervision of the Directors, the General Management of the affairs of the Company will be in the hands of The Planting Agencies (India) Ltd., who will act as Managing Agents of the Company for a period of 20 years. The Company will enter into a Managing Agency Agreement with the said Messrs. The Planting Agencies (India) Ltd. in terms of the draft-agreement which for purpose of identification is subscribed to by Mr. A. K. Duraswami Aiyer, Advocate, Calicut.

The remuneration of Managing Agents shall be as follows:—

(i) From the date of certificate of commencement of business a sum of Rs. 850/- per mensem as Office Allowance payable monthly and
(ii) 5% of the net profit of the Company, the net profit being as that defined in the Indian Companies Act, Section 87o.

The above mentioned Office Allowance of Rs. 850/- payable to the Managing Agents shall be exclusive of all salaries or wages of superintendents, clerks, or other employees engaged on the Estate or outside Agencies by the Managing Agents for the Company's business and of all remunerations, and wages which shall be payable to solicitors, accountants, auditors, bankers, engineers, experts, commission agents, dealers, brokers, or official servants or workmen who may be employed by the Managing Agents as authorised by the Directors for and on behalf of the Company.

PRELIMINARY EXPENSES.

Mr. K. Gopala Pillai as per agreement dated 14th December 1943 agreed to meet all the preliminary expenses of the Company, other than underwriting commission, and the actual expenses incurred will be paid to him. It is estimated that the preliminary expenses will be around Rs. 75,000/-. The underwriting Commission payable by the Company is Rs. 50,000/-.

UNDERWRITING AND BROKERAGE

The entire issue has been underwritten by Mr. P. R. Subramanyam, M.A., (Member, Bombay Stock Exchange) Stock, Share & Finance Broker, 61, Stock Exchange Building, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, for a commission of 4%. The entire ordinary capital of Rs. 4 lakhs has been sub-underwritten by Messrs. Coorg Rubber Co., Ltd. Brokerage at the rate of 1% on Debentures and Preference Shares and 2% on Ordinary Shares will be paid and borne by the Underwriters to recognised Brokers on allotments made in respect of applications bearing the stamp of such brokers. The Directors are of opinion that the resources of the underwriters are sufficient to discharge their above underwriting obligations.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION.

The minimum subscription on which the Directors shall proceed to allotment is as soon as 40,000 Preference and 20,000 Ordinary Shares or 20,000 Pref. Shares and 40,000 Ordinary Shares of the Company have been subscribed for and the application money due thereon has been paid.

INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

Copies of the following documents are open to inspection during regular office hours at the Registered Office of the Company.

1. Memorandum and Articles of Association.
2. Contract entered into between the Coorg Rubber Co. Ltd. and Mr. K. Gopala Pillai.
3. Agreement entered into between Mr. K. Gopala Pillai and Mr. M. R. Ananthanarayana Iyer.
4. Underwriting Agreement between Mr. P. R. Subramanyam and this Company.
5. Draft Managing Agency Agreement between Messrs. The Planting Agencies (India) Ltd., and this Company.

GENERAL

Application for shares are to be made in the attached Form and forwarded with a remittance of the amount in full to the Company's underwriters or to the Registered Office of the Company or to the Bankers. The Directors reserve the right to reject any application without assigning reasons therefor. When no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number of shares applied for, the surplus amount paid in, will be refunded to the applicant from the Registered Office of the Company.

Consent of the Central Government has been obtained to this Issue under the Defence of India Rule 94-A. It must be definitely understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness in all the statements made or opinions expressed with regard to them.

Copies of the Prospectus and application Form can be had from the Registered Office of the Company, the Company's Bankers, and the Company's Underwriters.

Sd./-
1. A. V. GEORGE
2. K. NAGENDRA PRABHU
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EMINENT MEDICAL MEN AT BOMBAY CONGRESS

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The Second Bombay Medical Congress was held to-day at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall, Dr. R. P. Koppikar, Dean. K. E. M. Hospital presiding.

Dr. Koppikar who presided over the first session of the Medical Students welcomed, the Students, the Professors and the Doctors from the different Allied countries who attended the Conference.

He narrated the history of the Congress and said that it originated from the inter-hospital clinical meetings which they held every month, wherein they discussed medical matters.

The present conference was intended to give an opportunity to the medicos who had conducted original research or had novel experience of diseases and injuries to read papers.

In conclusion, he said, the conference was intended for a free exchange of ideas and experiences and no barriers existed between the students, the professors, members of the profession in Bombay, and those who had come from foreign countries.

A number of papers on different diseases were read by eminent medical men, both Indian and foreign.

Dr. R. N. Cooper presided over the afternoon session.

CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Magh Vad 12, 2000
Muslim: Safar 25, 1363
Parsi: Shehrever 20, 1313
Sunrise: 8-5 a.m. Sunset: 7-40 p.m.
Hightide: 9-15. 22-37. Lowtide: 3-46, 15-34

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION at 2 p.m.

To-day's Engagements

SUBURBAN MUSIC CIRCLE SANTA CRUZ: Khansaheb Rahimuddinkhan of Indore and Khansaheb Vilayatkhan of Delhi will give performances of classical music at 10 p.m. to-day (Monday) in the Vimalanand Koppikar Hall Santa Cruz.

SHRI SHARADA MUSIC CIRCLE: Mrs. Laxmibai Kelekar will give a musical concert at the Anglo-Bengali School, Morebaug Road, Dadar. to-day (Monday) at 10 p.m.

MAZDAZNAN: On "Art" by Dr. Trivikram and others at the Art Evening at Mazdaznan Hall, opp. Churchgate Station, to-day (Monday) at 6-15 p.m.

SRI AUROBINDO CIRCLE: Mrs. D. Sethna speaking on "Some Aspects of Sri Aurobindo's Yoga", at Nair Hospital Compound at 6-30 p.m. to-day (Monday).

MODERN NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. S. N. Rai will deliver a lecture on 'Rashtrabhasha Hindustani' to-day (Monday) at 9-30 p.m. in the School Hall.

PICTORIAL EXHIBITION: Opening of Exhibition of Pictorial Photography by Messrs. Habib I. Rahimtoola and Homi K. Dadyburjor, by Sir Sultan Chinoy, 195, Hornby Road, 6-30 p.m.

A PUBLIC MEETING of the residents of the Bombay Suburban District will be held at Guzder Hall, near Andheri Railway Station on Tuesday, the 22nd February 1944 at 9-30 a.m. (N.S.T.), to protest against the proposed increase in railway fares.

RED ARMY DAY: The Red Army Day will be celebrated on February 22 and 23. On Tuesday at 8 a.m. Parade and Flag salutation on Kamgar Maidan, Parel. 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tournaments on Kamgar Maidan. 9 p.m. General Body meeting of all the volunteers on the Terrace of the Lal Dal Office. On Wednesday at 9 a.m. Cultural Programme, Physical Feats and Prize distribution at Kitte Bhandari Hall, North Gokhale Road, Dadar.

COTTON BUYERS' ASSOCIATION: The Committee of the Cotton Buyers' Association for 1944 comprises of the following members:—Sir Joseph Kay, Kt., Rannanrain Ruia, (Vice-President). Mr. P. N. Philon, Mr. J. P. Patel, Mr. J. L. Hurschler, Mr. C. Shuttleworth, Mr. Lalitkumar M. Khatau, Mr. G. E. Aperghis, Mr. R. C. Suntook, and Mr. John R. Kay, (Hon. Secretary).

ACWORTH LEPER HOME: The Acworth Leper Home, Matunga, acknowledges the following donations of Rs. 20 and over, received during October, November and December 1943:—
Mr. Bhojraj Ghela, for foodstuff used in giving a whole day meals to the inmates Rs. 172, Seth Virchand Meghji Rs. 50, The Hon. Secretary, Saraswat Hitwardhak Mandal for distributing country blankets and dhoties among the most deserving inmates Rs. 50, Collections from the Poor Boxes Rs. 30-7-9, and Mr. V. B. Mogre Rs. 20.

ARRESTED FOR TAKING EXCESS CHARGES

For selling stamped cloth in excess of Government Controlled price, at the Nawjivan Cloth Stores, Lal Baug, Narayenbhoy Vithaldas Patel, the proprietor and Girdharlal Khetre, his servant, were arrested and put up before Mr. K. Khandalawala, at the Mazagaon Court on Friday. They were ordered to be released on bail.

Merrie Town Fete

The Merrie Town Fete will be held at the Cooperage, Bombay, on February 25 and will be continued till March 1.

The Club House in special promises to be one of the star attractions of the whole Fete.

Mrs. Bleach will run it with the help of the Paswanji Saheba of Idar, Mrs. Akbar N. Chinoy, Mrs. Ellis Judah and many other men and women who have done this sort of thing before and will cheerfully go on doing.

Enroiment of members is getting along briskly enough and a couple of hundred have already paid their fees, which are extremely moderate being only twenty rupees for men and ten for women for the whole run of the Fete.

For such privileges as the Club offers to its members that is practically a gift and no one but members will be allowed to enter its precincts.

There is room in the Club for a thousand members and among its amenities will be a very specially furnished and most comfortable lounge, one of the best and most modern bars Bombay has yet known, and a real Casino, the last under the special charge of Messrs. Nurmahomed Chinoy, Frank Collins and Piscionaeri.

The Casino is exclusively for the use of Club members, every one of whom will be issued a badge without which nobody will be allowed into the Club. Membership includes all the privileges and amenities of the Club including the special dance floor where the R.A.F. Band will play every night from seven till midnight.

Badges may be obtained on payment of the membership charges from Mrs. Bleach, Keval Mahal, Marine Drive, (phone 34392), Mrs. Talyarkhan, Court View, Churchgate Reclamation (22138) and Mrs. Mani Mehta, Worli (40719).

Stop Acts Of Sacrilege By Soldiers

HUKAMCHAND'S APPEAL TO VICEROY

A Jain correspondent writes from Indore:—

Sir Seth Hukamchand, President of All-India Digamber Jain Teerth-Khetra Committee has sent the following telegram to the Viceroy, New Delhi:—"I beg respectfully to inform your Excellency that some European soldiers going on our most sacred Gajpuntha Hill at village Mashrul near Nasik have broken and thrown our holy idols and done other acts of sacrilege thereby most grievously offending religious feelings of your most loyal subjects the Digamber Jain Community of India. Such an outrage has never happened under your just and benign rule.

I respectfully pray urgent orders be passed to the necessary civil and military authorities for full inquiry and effective punishment to the offenders and for issuing strict orders refraining all soldiers from visiting sacred Hills and doing such profane acts."

TAGORE WEEK ATTRACTIONS

Bombay Sees Delightful Dance Dramas

The Tagore week has offered a splendid opportunity to Bombay to witness Tagore's select dramatic creations which are being presented at the Framji Cowasji Institute; and Bombay has not failed to accord an enthusiastic welcome to them. "Valmiki Pratibha" in its original Bengali was the first in the series. The cast consisted of the artistes who have specially arrived here from Shantiniketan. The play, which was staged on Saturday and Sunday, demonstrated the Poet's originality of the style of dramatic composition and of the technique of presentation.

The dance-drama, which came second and was also staged on the same two days before a large audience was "Tasher Desh"—"Kingdom of Cards"—in Gujarati. Mr. Bachubhai Shukla deserves the credit of its efficient rendering into Gujarati. The play revealed the ingenuity and skill of Tagore in presenting some material for thought in an interesting and easily intelligible plot. It represented a phase of human evolution in which the people, who are tradition-bound, function as mere automatons but are ready to cast off the shackles of traditions as soon as the "light of freedom" is shown to them.

The artistes went through their respective roles with understanding and confidence and did adequate justice to the Gujarati version of the Poet's drama. Pravinkumar, who was brisk in his dialogues and dances, proved equal to the major role of Rajkumar entrusted to him. Sushila Asar was quite at ease in her acting, dances and songs. Veena Mehta, who was conspicuous in the chorus by her melodious voice, appeared in a brief role and contributed a few delightful songs; and one could not fail to notice Bachubhai Shukla and also Ninu Majumdar in the interesting situations in the world of cards.

Songs and dances as the medium of expression were in abundance. Group-dances and the colourful costumes significant of the playing cards lent additional charms to the performance. The selection of the instrumental music appeared to be rather strange. The Indian instruments like Sarangis with Mridangam could have been appropriate and more effective accompaniments.

D. G. V.

Valmiki Prativa

The Hon. Mr. Justice K. C. Sen presided over the first performance of "Valmiki Prativa" staged by a group of 40 members of the staff and pupils of Santiniketan who are in Bombay in response to an invitation from Tagore Society, Bombay, in connection with the celebration of Tagore week, at the Framji Cawasji Institute. Seth Pranlal Devkaran Nanji presided over the second performance "Tasher Desh" (Kingdom of Cards) staged by local talents in Gujarati. The same performances were repeated on Sunday to packed houses which is an ample testimony to the excellence of performances.

To-day at 6-30 Dr. Amiya Chakravarty, D.Phil. (Oxon) of the Calcutta University will give a short talk on "Vishva Bharati", which will be followed by a stage performance of Tagore's immortal poem "Chitra" in a dance form in English produced by Mrs. Hima Keshorkodi and her husband and ably assisted by Mrs. Mira Chatterjee and two dancers and musicians of Menka Ballet. The performances of "Tasher Desh" and "Valmiki Prativa" will be repeated at 3-30 and 6-30 p.m. respectively on Tuesday.

On Wednesday and Thursday there will be Tagore music and a talk by Dr. Amiya Chakravarty on "Internationalism and Rabindranath Tagore" and on Thursday Prof. A. S. Ayyub, an eminent Bengali writer will give a talk on "Theory of Beauty and Rabindranath."

On Friday local artistes will present Tagore's "Visharjan" in Marathi at 9-30 p.m.

All the performances will be staged at the Framji Cawasji Institute, Dhobitalao and the lectures are open to the public.

EXHIBITION

An exhibition of the paintings, personal mementos and manuscripts of the poet and paintings of Abanindra Nath Tagore, Gaganendranath Tagore, Nandalal Bose and other Santiniketan artists and handicrafts from Shilpa Bhavan is already open at the Prince of Wales Museum (Archaeological Wing) and is open to the public free of charge.

Malaviya Conference Gathering Support

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 20.

Pandit Radha Kant Malaviya who returned from Poona yesterday informed Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya of his talks with various persons at Bombay and Poona in connection with the proposed All Parties Conference.

Raja Narendra Nath of the Punjab had another long discussion with Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya to-day. In the evening Mr. Sri Prakash, M. L. A. (Central), Sardar Narmada Prasad Singh and Rai Ramcharan Agrawal held consultations with Pandit Malaviya.

Mr. Shayama Prasad Mookerji, who was on his way to Delhi saw Pandit Sridhar Malaviya, grandson of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya at the Allahabad Railway Station this morning and apprised him of his views on the proposed conference.

It is likely Mr. Shyama Prasad Mookherji may visit Allahabad on his way back to Calcutta and see Pandit Malaviya personally.—A. P.

SEVEN DESTITUTES DIE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 20.—Seven sick destitutes died in various hospitals in Calcutta and suburbs yesterday and there were 26 new admissions. 19 destitutes were discharged from the hospitals during the day.—A. P.

Madras Cricket Association

MADRAS, Feb. 20.

At a meeting of the Madras Cricket Association held to-day the following office-bearers were elected for the official year 1944:—

President: Dr. P. Subbaroyan; Vice-Presidents: Mr. C. P. Johnstone and C. R. Pattabiraman; Joint Hon. Secretaries: Mr. K. S. Ranga Rao and Mr. K. Balaraman; Hon. Treasurer Mr. M. Sambandam.—A. P.

RELIEF FROM AUSTRALIA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 20.—The Australia-India Association of Western Australia has remitted £1,000 sterling to the Bengal Central Relief Fund for relief of distress in India, says a telegram received by the Governor of Bengal from the Premier of Western Australia, Mr. J. C. Willcock.—United Press.

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SIMLA: The "United Press" learns that the Burma Government have decided to purchase a land in a State in Kathiawar for making provision for accommodation of the families of Burman European and Anglo-Burman refugees in India. A camp which is already in existence there was first constructed for certain purpose but later it passed on for accommodating Polish refugees.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 20.

Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 16-2-44:—

Allahabad 83 53 0, BOMBAY 81, 66, 0, Calcutta 85, 64, 0, Cawnpore 82, 50, 0, Cuttack 85, 64, 0, Darjiling 50, 36, 0, Delhi 80, 49, 0, Dehra Dun 73, 44, 0, Jacobabad 78, 56, 0, Karachi 82, 61 0, Lahore 72, 51, 0, Lucknow 84, 49, 0, Madras 87, 72 0, Nagpur 80, 64,0.3, Patna 83, 55, 0, Peshawar 64, 41, 0, Shillong 62, 39, 0, Simla 47, 35, T. —A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

My mission is not merely brotherhood of Indian humanity. My mission is not merely freedom of India, though to-day it undoubtedly engrosses practically the whole of my life and the whole of my time. But through the realisation of freedom for India, I hope to realise and carry on the mission of the brotherhood of man.

—Mahatma Gandhi.

The Bombay Chronicle

EXECUTIVE AND JUSTICE

The Council of State has not enhanced its reputation by throwing out Pandit Kunzru's resolution recommending that all persons detained under the Defence of India Rules should be informed of the grounds of their detention and that such charges together with evidence in support of them and explanations submitted by detenus should be placed in each province before a judge or a committee of judges of the provincial high court who might be asked to submit a report to the Government concerned on each case. The fact that the resolution was rejected by 26 votes to 14 shows that official votes were most responsible for the result. But considering that the resolution made very modest demands, it might well have been accepted even by Government. It may be remembered that the resolution was taken up by the Council at the last session and the decate thereon was adjourned because the Home Member had explained that Government would soon revise the procedure about detenus. This assurance was itself a tacit admission that the treatment of detenus then was not quite satisfactory. But the revised position under the Detention Ordinance of 1944 is still far from satisfactory and in some respects worse than what it was before.

The first part of the resolution, namely, that the detenus should be informed of the charge against them has been accepted by Government, but in practice the charge is often extremely vague and is difficult either to be proved or disproved. Justice requires that a charge must fall if it cannot be proved by the prosecution. But conscious of the difficulty of proving the charge, Government put upon the detenus the onus of disproving it. In England in such cases an Advisory Committee appointed by Government for the purpose goes through the cases and makes recommendations to them. Pandit Kunzru practically asked for similar Committees here. But though we are often told that the practice of imprisoning persons without trial is common even in England, the safeguards found to be necessary there against the abuse of power are studiously denied to the detenus here. Nay, the new Ordinance is worse than the last in this respect that it has **expressly taken away the power of the High Court to intervene in** cases of detenus under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code. This removal of judicial checks on executive power is an alarming Fascist tendency which should be seriously considered by the public in India and also by the judicial authorities. That executive power has often been most arbitrarily used has been pointed out by the highest courts. The position is now made worse as the intervention of the courts in detention cases is made extremely difficult, even if possible, under the new Ordinance.

The Home Member, opposing the resolution, argued that the presence of Advisory Committees would make the executive less careful. This is an absurd plea as everywhere and even in India the presence of judicial checks has made the executive more careful to avoid misuse of power. The Home Member remarked that complaints against the misuse of executive power were based on allegations only and that "no one, not even High Courts had heard in full the evidence on which the Government concerned had acted." This is an unfair suggestion that the strictures of courts against misuse of power were based on inadequate evidence. The Home Member also boasted that the new Ordinance had a feature the like of which did not exist in the corresponding regulation in Great Britain, namely, that no order of detention might remain in force for more than six months unless expressly renewed after a review of all the circumstances of the case. If so, it is only because British Law does not need and does not encourage make-believe. It puts external checks on the executive. In India Government thinks that a review by the executive itself is a sufficient check. However, it will be well for Government to realise that for the time being the executive may successfully deny justice to the people. But the people will never accept executive decisions to be themselves justice. They see every day that the Ordinance regime is often a complete negation of justice.

Slap To Churchill

There is a terrific flutter in Conservative dovecots over the straight defeat of their candidate, Lord Hartington, son and heir of the Duke of Devonshire, by the independent socialist, Charles White, in the West Derby by-election. The seat has been a pocket borough of the Devonshire family for the last 300 years and all the Tory Big Berthas were mustered in support of their nominee. In fact Prime Minister Churchill himself went out of his way in writing a letter to Lord Hartington not only pledging his strong support to him but giving gratuitous advice to the constituency. This is not the first time that the Prime Minister has personally interested himself in by-elections which he considers to be "symbolic, as showing the heroic temper of our island in these tremendous days." We hope the symbolism of a cobbler's son daring to stand independently and beating a Marquis in spite of all the three parties unitedly opposing his candidature will not be lost upon Mr. Churchill or the Tory bosses.

The fact is that the British public, though firmly and loyally supporting the National Government in the prosecution of war, feels that its voice is stifled in the present over-aged parliament. The old Munichеers who blindly supported Chamberlain's policy of appeasement and helped to bring on the present war are still comfortably ensconed in their seats in the Commons instead of receiving short shrift at the hands of the electorate. The present Parliament thus represents only itself. The party truce acts as a deadweight upon the free choice of the voters and the emergence of a new phenomenon—the independent candidate who always gives a good fight to the combined parties and frequently gets elected—is significant in the parliamentary annals of England. This is the only way in which the new spirit which pervades the British people, as also the people of other countries, can make itself felt. It is a great pity that instead of encouraging this new spirit to express and assert itself, men like Churchill should try to dragoon the electorate into supporting particular candidates. This war is certainly not being fought to enable a Duke's family to hold its pocket borough for all time.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Welcome Though Belated

Our readers will remember that on Wednesday last we had occasion to comment severely on the failure of the Kolaba Police to take prompt and adequate measures about what was alleged and suspected to be a case of murder at Chowk, a village on the Bombay-Poona Road and that the incident had become about six weeks old then. We learn that Mr. Valanju, a senior C. I. D. Officer, has now been appointed to investigate the alleged offence and that he has started his work at Chowk. His work is not easy now after such a lapse of time since the incident took place, but he may be trusted to do everything that is necessary to make a thorough investigation.

Tense Situation At Anzio

The latest reports from Anzio indicate that there has again been a deterioration in the Allied position during the week-end. The Fifth Army troops have withdrawn a short distance in the Carroceto area, though it has been authoritatively pointed out that the line has not buckled but only sagged at the particular point. That this slight reverse has in no way affected the overall picture is evident from the determined manner in which counter-attacks are being launched to regain the lost area. On the Cassino front also herculean efforts are being made to storm the enemy positions and to make a spectacular bid for joining hands with the beachhead troops. Marshal Kesselring on his part seems equally determined to prevent such a denouement which will prove fatal to his strategy. He is therefore making a supreme effort to liquidate the Anzio army regardless of the price he has to pay. The situation thus remains tense and a good deal depends upon the weather which is far from helping the Allies. The Allied navy, however, is doing a grand job and in a way deputising for the air arm on the Anzio battlefield by giving splendid help to General Clark.

BAN ON ENTRY OF NON-AFRICANS

NAIROBI, Feb. 19.—Tanganyika's new regulations restricting the immigration of non-Africans are expected soon to be adopted by all East African Governments, especially in view of the increasing food and accommodation difficulties.

The "East African Standard", commenting on the fact that the Government of India was "consulted" before the regulations were introduced, stresses that this was a mere courtesy and must not be taken as a precedent nor give colour to any claim in the future that the approval of the Government of India must necessarily be a prior condition to the introduction of legislation in East Africa affecting Indians.—Reuter.

"Racial Discrimination Of Lowest & Vilest Type"

Natal Indians Mobilise Against "Pegging" Act: Mayor Of Durban Opens Conference

DURBAN, Feb. 20.

A conference of the Natal Indian Congress—the first meeting of Indians united in one common body —was opened by the Mayor of Durban, Mr. R. Ellisbrown in Durban to-day.

Doctor Khare, Member for Indians Overseas, sent the following message: "Indians should speak with one voice and wish for a common cause. May the conference maintain sobriety and wisdom."

Field Marshal Smuts, sending greetings, said 'the conference meets at a time when difficult issues once more are under consideration. My earnest wish is that your deliberations may be guided in a spirit of mutual accommodation which may help towards finding a way out of the present difficulties.

"India will never let you down," the message sent by Sir Rama Rau, was the essence of many messages received from public leaders in India, including the Hon'ble. P. N. Sapru, Sir Chunilal Mehta, Sir Padampat Singhania, the Hon'ble Dr. M. R. Jayakar, the Mayors of Bombay and Madras, and Sir Maharajsingh.

FOR COMMONWEALTH SOLIDARITY

Mr. Ellisbrown, opening the Conference, said: "There have been signs that the disputes we have been trying to settle in South Africa are likely to have international repercussions, and unless we are careful, things that have happened may upset the hitherto friendly relations between South Africa, India and other nations. It will be nothing short of a calamity—and a very great calamity—if any divisions are allowed to creep into the British Commonwealth of Nations. To allow such things to happen would be to play directly into the hands of the enemy."

CHARGE AGAINST DURBAN CITY COUNCIL

Advocate Mr. J. W. Godfrey, in his presidential address, said that the blame for the friction existing today between the Indian and European in Natal lay not at the door of the Indian but with the Durban City Council and the Union Government. The former had "criminally" neglected its responsibilities and the latter had sacrificed Indians on the altar of a general election.

Dealing with the the "Pegging Act" Mr. Godfrey said that they had no hesitation in saying that the act was "unnecessary" but the situation was used by Government to secure its majority in the parliament. This act flouted the spirit of the Capetown Agreement which laid down that the Indian community should adopt European standards of living.

INSULT TO INDIA'S HONOUR

"It is an insult to our honour as Indians; it proclaims racial discrimination of the lowest and vilest type. Even the sponsors of the bill are ashamed of it."

Mr. Godfrey continued: "Political expediency was the central motive, while a vociferous minority cried 'save us from Indian penetration.' The Act takes away our inherent right to progress and expand economically and industrially. We are denied the inherent right of acquiring and occupying properties anywhere we please."

Mr. Godfrey emphasised that at present the Act was restricted to the city of Durban but other municipalities could apply for its application.

"We demand and claim the right to acquire and occupy land for commercial and industrial purposes", he said.

"DELIBERATE INJUSTICE"

Mr. Godfrey said that it was also an 'act of deliberate injustice" on the part of the Union Government to insist upon retaining the provincial barriers. It was the considered Indian opinion if the provincial barriers were removed and the Indian community allowed free movement with the right to progress in commerce, industry and agriculture, very little would be heard of any "Indian question."

Mr. Godfrey continued: "We have been criticised in this country for appealing to India when we are in difficulties. We are told that these are South African matters and the Union Government will brook no interference from outside. We do not share that view. For so long as the Union Government fails to give us the right of representation, so long will we consider it a right to invoke the aid of India and other countries."

NO COMMUNAL FRANCHISE

Mr. Godfrey emphasised that while the Indians wanted franchise, they would not be satisfied with communal representation because communal franchise had been tried elsewhere and had proved a failure.

The belief that the Pegging Act was the most mischief-making legislation ever put on the statute book of South Africa was expressed by Mr. A. I. Kajee, Chairman of the Natal Indian Congress. To prevent the Indian from purchasing land entirely in the Municipality was to make him commit economic suicide. "They tell us on the one hand that it is wrong to send money to India but they take away from us our principal source of investment—land. I sincerely believe that this problem can be overcome and compromise on both the sides can achieve much. Let us not close the door to negotiation. We are prepared to occupy land in our own special area, but we must have equal right with the European to decide which shall be those areas."

Mr. Basson said that the Pegging Act was never intended by the Union Government as a permanent piece of legislation. It was a purely temporary measure introduced until some better legislation was devised.

Reverend T. J. Duplessis of the Apostolic Faith Mission in South Africa said that agitation should be stirred up overseas against the Pegging Act "as a Christian Minister living in a Christian country, I charge any legislator to lay this act before Jesus Christ and ask him to sanction it," he said. The Act was anything but a revelation in calm thinking and sobriety; it was just the opposite. Revd. Duplessis said in the last four years he had learned to identify himself with Indians.

The Conference adjourned till tomorrow.—Reuter.

Sir Purshotamdas' Message To Durban Conference

Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas has sent a message to the Natal Indian Congress on the occasion of a Provincian Conference to be held in Durban on the 19th and 20th February, 1944, the course of which the says:

"India follows the trend of developments in South Africa with much concern. Her people in that part of the British Empire are fighting against heavy odds and though at times the situation may appear to be hopeless, there have been a few occasions when a ray of hope is visible. The most encouraging and hopeful feature of the situation is the united front that our people have so far presented to the opponents of their rights and to the reactionaries who preach social justice but are unable to practise it. Few other people under these circumstances would have survived the ordeal.

I firmly believe that if with the meagre help that the people and the Government of India are in a position to render them, Indians in South Africa continue in their united efforts, they may soon see the down of their emancipation.

My message to the Natal Indian Congress is one of hope and perseverance. Continue the good work, keep up the united front and we will win in the end.

Problem Of Rural Employment

"I feel that any plan drawn up by non-officials has certain limitations. Planning necessarily connotes State action and without knowing what aspect the system of administration will assume or what ideology inspires it, the drawing up of plans by non-officials will labour under considerable disadvantages," observed Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, in an interview to the 'United Press' on the Plan of Economic Development for India chalked out by Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Mr. J. R. D. Tata, Sir Ardeshir Dalal and others.

"Planning, so far as I understand it," added Mr. Mehta, "should comprehend a consideration of the machinery which will execute it and from that point of view this plan is incomplete. To my mind, the value of the plan would have been considerably enhanced if those who have subscribed to it had given us some indications of their views regarding the extent to and the manner in which controls will have to be exercised over the economic life of the country."

"As a student of rural economy and one working in the field of rural development, I am naturally interested in that part of the Plan which deals with agriculture and cottage industries. As the experience of Russia teaches us "planning without tears" presents a most stupendous task in the field of agricultural production. In a plan of economic development for India, we should certainly like to know whether those who formulate the plan conceive of agricultural production being undertaken by peasant proprietors attached to the soil, through State or collectivist farms or through private capitalist establishments and estate farming. Co-operative farming presumably for peasant proprietors, to which there is a reference in the Plan, is very different from collective farming; and it is difficult to visualise the extension of co-operative farming with the continuance of the rights of proprietorship in land which prevail at present over large tracts of the country.

"It is interesting to find that eight among the most outstanding personalities in the world of large-scale industry in India have subscribed to the view that no economic plan can be complete without an important role being assigned in it to small scale and cottage industries. That there should be a healthy balance between agriculture and industries is recognised by the staunchest protagonists of what may be termed the Gandhian school of economics. But the most vital question, in their opinion, is the form which our industrial organisation of the future should assume. In the plan, this question has been viewed mainly from two points of view, namely, the provision of employment and the reduction of the need for purchasing expensive plant and machinery. These considerations by themselves are not enough: and one would have liked the question of industrial organisation to have been gone into more thoroughly, as was done, to a certain extent, by the Rural and Cottage Industries Sub-Committee of the National Planning Committee. In India, the problem of rural employment is not a residual one, but is a primary one. That is an aspect of our national economy which deserves consideration in the formulation of plans of economic development. So does the equally important question of the machinery through which production on the basis of cottage industries can be developed and extended."—United Press.

Viceroy's Speech 'Won't Improve Internal Situation At All'

Sapru Urges Visit Of Independent British Parliamentarians To India

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 20.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru in a statement says:— "The ground for the much awaited speech of the Viceroy had already been prepared by the speech of the Home Member delivered a few days earlier.

It is difficult to believe that the Home Member and the Viceroy could have taken the line that they have without previous reference to Mr. Amery and possibly to Mr. Churchill.

The one difference between the two speeches is that the Home Member's speech was aggressive in its tone and showed little respect for Indian politicians whereas the Viceroy's was more courteous and a less aggressive but in substance both the speeches come to the same thing. Once again the considered policy of His Majesty's Government has been reaffirmed and we have been told to hold our souls in patience until the conclusion of the war.

CRIPPS OFFER STORIES

The Cripps offer is said to be still open and we are assured that it was not made in any panic but that it was made in the hope that when war had come to close to India and threatened its national life, it might arouse, as in other countries, a spirit of unity and co-operation that would dave overridden political differences in the hour of danger. I wonder whether it is now held that the spirit of unity and co-operation, which was necessary in the early days of 1942 is less necessary. When India is going to be the base of operations aginst Japan. If anything, the need and urgency for that spirit of unity and co-operation seems to be greater.

IS THIS THE WAY TO CREATE UNITY?

His Excellency has reminded us that the Cripps offer was a bold and generous offer and gave India a great opportunity to progress towards the solution of her problems. Two years have elapsed since then, but what is the position now? Sec. 93 Rule still prevails in five provinces.

The legislatures are in a state of suspended animation. Taxes are raised or huge sums of money spent without the public or the elected members having any voice. There is no one to interrogate Government. Immense powers have been taken by the Executive. The High Courts, which alone could test the propriety of Executive action, find themselves practically paralysed. Two Chief Justices have in recent weeks raised their voice against improper interference in their sphere. The right of 'Habeas Corpus' is practically gone for the time being. Advisory Judicial Committees on the English Model have been ruled out and we are expected to be grateful for the new machinery, which is going to be set up.

Is this the way to create unity and co-operation?

Assuming that it was a mistake on the part of Congressmen to have rejected the Cripps offer—and no one regretted it more than I did that the Cripps episode should have so abruptly ended in 1942—why should the rest of the country be penalised and deprived of its ordinary political and civic rights? Perhaps it may produce a favourable impression abroad, and particularly in America, to repeat once again that the Cripps offer is still open and that it is only our cussedness which stands between us and our goal.

But what is the impression which an attitude like this is going to produce on the people of this country?

We have been once again told that we must unite, but how are we to unite unless the means of uniting and reconsidering the whole situation are placed at our disposal. The Congress leaders will not be released until they recant the resolution of August 1942. "I see no reason", says the Viceroy, to release those responsible for the declaration of August 8, 1942, until I convinced that the policy of non-co-operation and even of obstruction has been withdrawn—not in sackcloth and ashes, that helps no one—but in recognition of a mistaken and unprofitable policy." If they are not to be released, are they going to be kept in detention without trial? Is their trial ruled out because it will cause much excitement? Is their continued detention causing less excitement or making people more contented? If it is recognised that there is an important element which stands aloof and that there is much ability and high mindedness among those who are behind the bars, then why should those people not be given the freedom to discuss collectively the situation and arrive at a joint decision when the declaration of August 1942, was a joint decision?

GOVT. WON'T TAKE RISK?

The fact of the matter seems to be that the Government think that they cannot affort to take any risk by releasing them and giving them a free opportunity to reconsider the whole situation and to come to a settlement with others.

It is neither wisdom nor statesmanship to demand from individual leaders that they should in their individual capacity confess their guilt and thus secure freedom.

Mr. Gandhi has already affirmed in his letter to Lord Linlithgow in September, 1942, his strict adherence to the doctrine of non-violence and the question of his or his colleagues' responsibility for acts of sabotage has yet to be determined by an independent tribunal.

The consequence of their continued detention without trial must be a perpetuation of dissatisfaction in the country and a feeling that Government are shirking the consequences of an open and impartial trial. Already justice has received many rude shocks and the average man is not prepared to treat executive pronouncements regarding guilt as equivalent to judicial pronouncements by independent judges.

WARNING TO WHITEHALL

Recent by-elections in England in which candidates supported by Government or Conservative Party have lost heavily ought to be a warning to Mr. Churchill and Mr. Amery, but I wonder whether the true state of things in India and the extent of dissatisfaction and discontent is known, or allowed to be known, to the British electorate or the House of Commons.

One thing seems to emerge from the Viceroy's speech and that is that the number of 'eminent and patriotic Indians' in the Executive Council is not going to be increased, but frankly speaking even if the whole Council is Indianised it would not alter the situation. To my mind it is not the question of the number of Indians in the Cabinet which matters but what does matter is the power which they wield, the freedom of action which they enjoy and the amount of influence which they exercise with their own countrymen.

In that respect the Government of India is totally bankrupt.

Another thing which emerges from that speech is that so far as the provinces are concerned they must continue to be autocratically ruled by Governors who are answerable to no one in this country except to the Viceroy and thus to the Secretary of State but as the one member said not many days ago he is satisfied by looking up his dictionary for the meaning of 'deadlock' that there is no deadlock. If there is no deadlock then why all these long speeches?

MOST DISAPPOINTING

In short the view that I take of the Viceroy's speech is that it is in some respects a most disappointing speech.

It is not going to improve the general internal situation at all. It may easily make it worse.

The Muslim League cannot feel happy, but I think it is a little too precipitate for the Hindus to rejoice in what the Viceroy has said about the geographical unity of India. India may not be physically divided but politically and constitutionally Indians may be divided still more.

The policy which emerges from the Viceroy's speech is one of a negative character at its best and will make the task of Indian reconciliation and Indian unity for the purpose of evolving an agreed constitution still more difficult.

It is regrettable that the biographer of Lord Allenby, who has written so approvingly of his work in Egypt, has adopted this attitude.

The tone of the speech may be courteous and inoffensive, but it is not calculated to inspire hope, to remove differences, or to encourage people

PLEA FOR BR. DELEGATION

If ever there was the need for an independent body of British politicians or Parliamentary delegation to come out to India to see things for themselves it is now.

I doubt very much whether any Indian delegation will be allowed to proceed to England unless it be a delegation selected by the 'eminent and patriotic Indians' in the Executive Council and approved by the still more eminent Secretary of State for India".—A. P.

Sophia College

On Sunday week the Catholic clergy in the city made an emphatic appeal from the pulpits exhorting the Catholics to unite and lodge a vehement protest against the disamliation of the Sophia College.

Rev. Fr. Gracios in an eloquent sermon at the Wodehouse Church made a strong impression on the congregation with his oratorical pyrotechnics which brushed the spiritual aspect of the question aside and instead dragged to the fore the political sentiments of the Catholic community. By this subtle means the Padre launched his propaganda urging the Catholics to bestir themselves.

The ball has been set rolling and repercussions will naturally follow. The unthinking Catholic masses will be stampeded into the clergy's net and there is a fear that they will act in a manner adverse to the interests of the Catholic community as a whole.

What is this Sophia College to us? How far does it benefit or help the education of our children, yours and mine? By ours, I mean the middle and working class Catholics?

Let us try to answer these two questions.

The Sophia College is a clearly commercial institution run by Catholic ecclesiastical bodies from a profit motive.

The college is lodged in the former palace of the Maharaja of Bhavnagar which, if my information is correct, was purchased for Rs. 19 lakhs. Quite a large sum has been spent on its establishment also and the entire cost of starting the institution should be somewhere on the border of Rs. 25 lakhs.

Let us see how this college on Malabar Hill can be of any use to local Indian Catholics. We, who live in Dhobitalao, Chirabazar, Girgaon Byculla, Parel and Dadar, can we afford even the bus-fare to send our children to this luxury-college, apart from the very high fees? It is not only that the fees of this institution are beyond our pockets, but the very location of the college is not within our easy reach. It is obvious, therefore, that the college was never intended for the education of our children. It is not a social welfare institution at all. It is purely a commercial proposition.

Nearly 25 lakhs of rupees have been spent on this college by our ecclesiastical money-making societies, because it pays big dividends. Parsi girls, belonging to wealthy families of Malabar Hill, and girls of other equally wealthy families can take advantage of the education imparted in this college. A few daughters of Christians in affluent circumstances can also afford to study there. But certainly our children cannot dream of setting their foot there even on a sight-seeing visit.

If our divine fathers and mothers of the Church had the real interest of the Catholic community at heart, they would have spent this Rs. 25 lakhs on the education of the children of the community. They would have spent a lakh each on 25 different Catholic High schools in 25 different centres in the city, and thus made free or cheap education available to the Catholic children in the city.

Lucky would be the day when the Societies which run the Sophia College are compelled to sell this top-heavy educational institution which caters to the rich non-Catholics of Bombay for profit only. And when they have sold it, we the Catholics must unite then and ask them to dedicate the Rs. 25 lakhs realised from the sale to start 25 Catholic boys' and girls' schools in Catholic localities thus bringing education to the very doors of the Catholics.

In these days when every community is fast awakening we are still blissfully asleep, slumbering in the lulling laps of the clergy. It is time we told our clergy and the Archbishop what we want.

"A CATHOLIC."

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"On the main problem of Indian unity, the difference between Hindu and Muslim, I can only say this. You cannot alter geography. From the point of view of defence, of relations with the outside world, of many internal and external economic problems. India is a natural unit."

—Lord Wavell.

"There is nothing in the Viceroy's speech to frighten us Muslims and make us turn back from our legitimate claim of dividing India on Pakistan lines for the peace, safety and unity of the two great communities, paradoxical as it may sound. My personal view is that the Viceroy has said nothing at all for the least jubilation of the anti-Pakistanist."

—Sir A. M. K. Dehlavi.

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Fashion note sent by Bori Bunder's Special Correspondent at New Delhi on the occasion of the Viceroy's speech:—

"Congress members as usual absented themselves. The Chamber had a dull look due to the predominance of the morning coat, but the overcrowded galleries presented a stirring spectacle due to the large proportion of attractively attired women visitors. Dr. Ambedkar and Dr. Khare were the only members in lounge suits in the official benches, while Maulana Zafarali, wearing an overall gold braided Arabic 'choga' looked an impressive figure. Only a few 'pugrees' and caps relieved the bare-headed setting."

We were not present. But we agree about the "dull look" of the House. Dull—and vacant!

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"In logic", says the Glasgow "Herald", "there is no answer to the Viceroy's statement of the miserable dilemma."

In logic there is no answer to illogic!

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FREEDOM—A MAGIC WORD

—Headline.

And just as illusionary—so far as India is concerned!

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A Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Show is shortly to be held in Bombay.

One expects to see there a lot of ladies' fingers, peaches and wall-flowers.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS.

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *The British people, as evidenced by the West Derbyshire bye-election are all for Indian Independence but they are also all for Winston Churchill and Winston Churchill is not for Indian independence!*

(2) *The "Daily Mail" blacked-out Wavell's speech because it regarded it as a black spot on the fair name of the empire!*

(3) *Like the advent of freedom in India, the Allies in Italy are also hastening—slowly and slowly!*

(4) *The Houses of Parliament had a narrow escape from incendiaries—but these were German bombs, not the fiery speeches of members.*

(5) *President Roosevelt is "tired and wants to go home"—and Wendell Willkie heartily agrees.*

(6) *But F. D. R. says he cannot quit because he is "drafted for the duration like any other soldier"—and Willkie says, "Take sick leave and I will step into the breach—like any other soldier."*

SASTRI AT IT AGAIN!

Says Change In Congress Policy Is Called For Imperiously

POONA, Feb. 20.

That a change in the policy of the Congress is called for imperiously and which cannot be neglected except at the cost of the national welfare was the plea made by Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivas Sastri speaking yesterday at a meeting held to commemorate the death anniversary of the late Mr. G. K. Gokhale.

It is up to Congressmen individually to speak out their minds, he said, rather than wait for a lead from the top. Then only can our leaders know what the nation wants and draw up a policy accordingly.

Principal V. K. Joag of the Nowrojee Wadia College paid a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Gokhale and called upon the younger generation to follow the policy laid down by him. This, in the speaker's opinion could have placed us much nearer to our goal of freedom than we are at present, owing to the nation having followed the non-co-operation of the present Congress leaders.—A. P.

BHULABHAI ON "BETRAYAL OF FREEDOM"

Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai in the course of a Foreword contributed to "The Betrayal of Freedom" by Y. G. Krishnamurti says:

The last Great War was fought and won on the slogan of emancipation of the subject races of the world but the slogan remained a slogan and in this War fight for democracy has become the new and declared purpose and motive of the Allies.

"Freedom is a magic word and its application to human life, individual, national and international, is a problem which will probably remain with humanity while it lasts. At present the struggle is for the universal restoration of freedom and not merely to maintain the freedom of those who have had it and lost it or have struggled to preserve it.

In conclusion he says: "For a long time to come, the world problem will have to be tackled on a material basis and when that is solved the spiritual problem will really come to the force; in the present state of things the spiritual aspect of the problem of freedom has a tendency to become only a personal problem and remove the individual from his duty to his society and to his country."

KOLHAPUR: Damage estimated at Rs. 50,000 was caused by a fire that destroyed two buildings in Laxmipur on Saturday night. It started in a cotton godown and spread to the adjoining building which stocked films and other photographic material.

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Wanted National Opposition Throughout India

Shyamprasad Mookerji Wants Indian Liberty As Basis For All To Come Together

NEW DELHI, Feb. 20

"A national opposition throughout India which will include all Parties and sections who are agreed on the fundamental demands of Indian Liberty" was advocated by Dr. Shyamaprasad Mookerjee, in his Presidential address to the Annual Session of the All-India Aryan Congress to-day. "Let us not try to run after or cajole parties and persons, who are not for Indian progress and freedom, and act as subversive tools in the hands of their masters for perpetuating the slavery of their country", he went on

"There are other groups and sections, small and negligible by themselves but strong and powerful if they combine, who may well constitute an All-India National Opposition laying down the fundamental conditions of our struggle for liberty.

"It will be the duty of such a body to lay stress on the maximum points of agreement regarding national reconstruction, demand immediate settlement, plead for toleration and better understanding and fearlessly resist every encroachment on our civil, economic and political rights"

UNITING HINDUS

After referring to the Bengal Famine, Dr. Mookerjee stressed the need for uniting Hindus. "We have to fight against a steady growth of fanatical zeal following the demand for India's vivisection, and we have to guard against the onslaughts of the ruling race itself which aims constantly at crippling Hindu strength and Nationalist element in the public life of the country. Indian history gives us ample evidence that though there were giants among men in every generation, who could easily be compared to the greatest men in any country or clime, the masses of the Indian people were not always swayed by a strong and vigorous impulse for protecting their political liberty at any price. The great work that lies before political and other parties in India to-day, imbued with healthy ideas of national solidarity, is to spread far and wide this love for unity and liberty, this faith in India's inherent right to govern herself, this determination that unless freedom is achieved, life is not worth living at all.

SATYARTHA-PRAKASH AGITATION

Earlier Dr. Mookherjee paid a tribute to the work of the Arya Samaj and to its founder Maharshi Dayanand Sarasvati and characterised as "an act of arrogant and mischievous intolerance" the demand for the suppression of some of the passages in "Satyartha-Prakash". He thought that the agitation might itself serve to popularise more and more the great words of truth, courage and wisdom with which he said this famous book abounded and which had brought strength and solace to millions, thus serving further to carry into effect the great ideal of liberation of the India for which the Master lived and died. Dr. Mookherjee declared that an attack on the book would be accepted as a challenge by the entire Hindu Community and all lovers of freedom of thought and of opinion, no matter what their religious persuasion might be

INDIA MUST REMAIN ONE

Referring to the demand for Pakistan, Dr. Mookherjee expressed satisfaction that Lord Wavell had unequivocally recognised that politically, economically and culturally India was and must remain one single unit though Lord Wavell had no constructive plan to end the present deadlock.

"The Muslim League", said Dr Mookherjee, "left to itself cannot divide India against the united opposition of the majority of her patriotic children nor can Britain with her sword vivisect India and guarantee peaceful possession to the disruptionists But British policy to-day is encouraging Pakistan regime in action in provinces where Hindus are in a minority and their rights and interests are being systematically sacrificed at the altar of sordid communal opportunism.—A. P.

WASHINGTON: President Roosevelt on Friday asked Congress for an appropriation of 30,789 million dollars for the American navy during 1945 fiscal year. This is the largest appropriation in American history.—Reuter.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 11th February 1944.

	Rs.
LIABILITIES	
CAPITAL:—	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	5,85,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank. Current and other Accounts	214,97,23,000
Sundries	77,42,000
Rupees	227,22,15,000
ASSETS	Rs.
Investments:—	149,91,35,000
Advances:—	46,46,48,000
Dead Stock	1,70,72,000
Sundries	82,91,000
Cash:—	28,30,69,000
Rupees	227,22,15,000

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Feb. 19.
March 20.79, May 20.38, July 19.88, Middling Spot 21.52

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CUT MOTIONS IN ASSEMBLY

Increase In Rly. Fares To Be Considered On Wednesday

NEW DELHI, Feb. 20.

The proposed increase in railway fares will probably be the first subject to be discussed in the Assembly on Wednesday next week, on one of the eight cut motions so far tabled in this connection by Muslim League, Nationalist and Congress members.

Six of these motions in the name of Mr. Essak Sait, Sir Ziauddin Ahmed Mr. H. M. Abdulla (Muslim League), Pandit L. K. Maitra and Mr. K. C. Neogy (Nationalist) refer directly to the increase and seek to censure Government for proposing it while two others, one jointly in the names of Mr. B. Das and Mr. Abdul Quaiyum (Congress) and the other jointly in the names of Pandit Maitra and Mr. Neogy seek to reduce by ten crores the demand under the head Appropriation to Reserve.

Ten crores is the amount expected from the increase and proposed to be set aside as a reserve for improving third class travel amenities after the war. Opposition Parties are whipping up full strength for the division which will be challenged on one of these motions to be selected by agreement.—A. P.

INCREASE IN RAILWAY RATES IS COMPULSORY TAX ON PASSENGERS

Why Should India Bear Cost Of Lines For S.-E. Asia Campaigns? Asks Indian Chambers' Federation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 20.

Emphatically protesting against the proposed increase of 25 per cent in Railway fares for passenger traffic, the Committee of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in a communication to the Government of India state that there is absolutely no scope for achieving any reduction in the use of railways by the civilian population and, therefore, the proposed increase of 25 per cent in Railway fares would amount to a compulsory tax on the travelling public.

Referring to the estimated cost of about 6-1/4 crores of rupees in increasing the line capacity of the Bengal and Assam Railway and Rs. one crore in quadruping of the track from Sktigarh to Sitarampur, the Committee point out that these programmes are presumably meant for facilitating the military operations of the South-East Asia Command and, therefore, the expenditure incurred, in this regard, cannot be in equitably debitable to the Indian Railways.

The Committee also refer to an additional expenditure of 3-1/3 crores of rupees for works not contemplated in the original budget and enquire as to whether these additional works also are not for facilitating the operations of the South-East Asia Command. They strongly object to Railways being called upon to meet such expenditure, as is clearly acknowledged to be for essential war requirements.

LOCOMOTIVE INDUSTRY SHUNTED OFF

Referring to the Railway stock programme of the Government of India as revealed in the Railway Budget, the Committee state that they fail to understand why the programme for manufacturing locomotives and wagons in the country itself is not speeded up so as to yield result and overcome the critical shortage of these during the war time. They cannot help observing that, while the Governments of the United Kingdom and the U. S. A., in spite of their pre-occupation in the war effort can allow the manufacturing capacity to be directed to the production of such rolling-stock for export purposes, the Government of India are still inclined to treat the question of manufacturing locomotives as only subsidiary to their programme for war production; they apprehend that it would defer the establishment of locomotive industry in India to an indefinite date.—A. P.

GOVT. SCORES OVER CONGRESS!

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19.

During the question hour, the Chief Minister stated in the Bengal Assembly to-day that the number of police stations, offices and houses belonging to Government and private persons burnt by Congress before and after the Cyclone in Tamluk and Contai sub-divisions of the Midnapore District were 43 and 38 respectively and the number of Congress camps and houses burnt by Government forces 31 and 164 while those burnt by villagers were one and two respectively.—United Press.

Karnatak Journalists' Conference

HUBLI, Feb. 19.

The Fifth All-Karanatak Journalists' Conference opened today at Mangalore under the presidentship of Mr. C. R. Srinivasan, editor of the "Swadesamitran," Madras

Welcoming the delegates, the Chairman of the Reception Committee Mr Kudva said that the formation of a separate province of Karnatak today was a mere idea and a dream. The difficulty of communications too impeded the growth of an active press in the Karnatak. He urged the necessity of approaching the Mysore University to institute a course in journalism, and hoped that the conference would be a permanent feature, meeting annually at different places.

Mr. Srinivasan in his Presidential address dwelt at length on the importance of Indian language newspapers and exhorted the journalists to discharge the trust placed in them by the people.—A. P.

Controversy Set At Rest, Says Sir C. P.

TRIVANDRUM, Feb. 19

Interviewed by the Associated Press regarding the Viceroy's speech Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyer the Dewan stated that in his present administrative position he could not embark upon a discussion of political topics but yet he felt that the clear pronouncement by the Viceroy must be welcomed as an unequivocal assertion of the fundamental importance of India's economic and administrative unity.

He added, it is hoped that this authoritative statement will set further controversy at rest and enable all religious, cultural and linguistic groups to work together for the evolution of a polity united at the centre in essentials although giving the fullest scope to the fostering of territorial local and religious autonomy."—A. P.

LEAGUER'S REACTION

(From Our Correspondent).

LAHORE, Feb. 19.

"The practical policy outlined by Viscount Wavell belies his claim of sincerity of the intention of British Government. British Government are said to be anxious for settlement between the two important political organisations in the country, the Muslim League and the Congress, but at the same time refuse to provide any opportunity of contact, direct or indirect between them," said Khan Bahadur Sheikh Karamatali, Member, League High Command, in an interview to a press representative

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19.—The Government of India have authorised the continuance of their scheme of financial assistance to evacuees and dependents of persons detained in enemy occupied territories for a further period of three months from March 1, 1944, says a Press 'communique'.—A. P.

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Murree Road, Near Octroi Post No 9. Rawalpindi.
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Opp Junction of Jada Road and Main Road. Jhelum.
Bungalow No 72 Jullundur
101, The Mall Ambala.
Opp Supply Depot and Cantt: Board Office Campbellpore
Civil Lines Ludhiana.
Block No 3 Stewart Road (Opp Baldist). Quetta.
12, Outram Lines Hyderabad (Sind)
Krishna Lodge Near Bhed Nala Bridge. Kachehry Rd, Sialkot
No. 2, Karimpura Abbottabad
Civil Lines Rohtak
Old Civil Lines Multan
Civil Lines Gujerat (Punjab)

EASTERN AREA
Hazratganj, Lucknow.
37, Bishseshwarnath Road, Lucknow.
No. 1, Lothian Road, Kashmere Gate, Delhi.
No. 7, St. George's Gate, Hastings, Calcutta.
Tan Bazar Rd., Narayanganj.
Exhibition Road, Patna.
Secretariat Hill, Shillong (Assam).
Dr. Nichol Rd., Asansol.
286, Western Kutchery Road, Meerut (U.P.).
Lodha Dharamshala, Station Road, Ajmer.
18, Canning Road, Allahabad (U.P.).
Tarpakhana House, Hazaribagh Road, Ranchi.
Serajuddaulla Rd., Chittagong.

SOUTHERN AREA
Cornwallis Barracks, Trinity Rd., Bangalore.
Pudupet Lines, Mount Rd., P.O. Madras.
Trichy Rd., Coimbatore.
Madura Road, Trichinopoly.
Bharat Building, Railway Station Road, Trivandrum.
"Sorab Manor" Bunder Road, Bezwada.
Rama Varma Club Building, Ernakulum.

WESTERN AREA
Staunton Road, Poona.
Esplanade Maidan, (North) Dhobi Talao, Bombay No. 1.
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Panch Kuva, Ahmedabad.
Bungalow No. 39, Old Telegraph Office, Belgaum.
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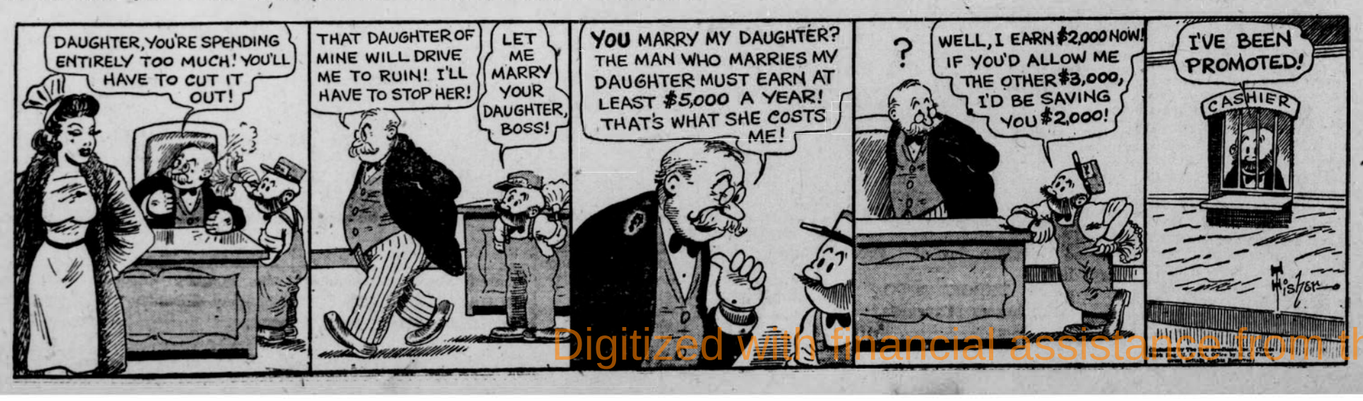
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42. SITUATIONS VACANT

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Applications are invited for the permanent post of a Motor Mechanic in the grade of Rs. 60-4-80-5-100 plus dearness allowance as sanctioned by the Municipality from time to time from candidates who have previous experience as a Motor Mechanic and are holding Driver's licence. Higher starting pay in the grade may be given to a deserving candidate. Apply to the Chief Officer, Parle-Andheri Borough Municipality, Gazder Hall, Andheri, before 3rd March, 1944. (7881)

Wanted Experienced Local Canvasser Pushing Presentation Novelties good salary. Bring Applications—Onward Trading Co. Opposite Gokuldas Hospital, Third Floor. (4142)

Wanted Account's Clerk, preference to Stenographer. Apply in own handwriting stating qualifications, experience and salary required to Box 4140. "Bombay Chronicle."

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Wanted a Typist, capable of typing Gujarati. Knowledge of English essential. Apply stating speed and lowest pay acceptable to Diwan, Bansda State. (4135)

Wanted—Experienced Managers, Accountant Stenographers, Typists, Clerks, Ledgerkeepers, etc for a big banking House Good salary to really competent men with future prospects. Apply in own handwriting with copies of past Credentials to Box No. 7895, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted a third year trained Mistress for a Girls School. Apply stating age, qualifications and minimum pay expected to Educational Inspector, Bansda State. (4134)

Wanted a Graduate in Agriculture specially experienced in Sugar Cane forming and Fruit growing. Apply stating age, experience qualifications and minimum pay expected enclosing copies of testimonials to Diwan, Bansda State. (4132)

Wanted a B.Sc. or M.Sc. for Department of Industries in a State in Gujarat. Apply enclosing copies of Testimonials and stating age, experience, special qualifications and minimum pay expected to Box No. 4133, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted—An experienced Accountant, having knowledge of correspondence etc., for a Sugar Factory in Deccan. Pay according to qualifications. Apply with copies of testimonials to Box No. 7893, "Bombay Chronicle."

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Wanted 4 Chief Inspectors for a progressive life office for Bombay City and Suburbs with salary and commission Apply Box No. 4143 "Bombay Chronicle".

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Wanted—Persons desirous of earning Rs. 10 to Rs. 30 per day, should write for free particulars, samples can also be sent if desired. Apply c|o Post Box 282, Lahore. (6726)

Wanted—Representatives and Stockists, all over India on Rs. 100|- P.M. or on commission to sell our famous products of medicine. The Indian Research Laboratory, 16, Kali Kumar, Banerjee Lane, Calcutta. 3961

43. SITUATIONS WANTED

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222. MACHINERY FOR SALE

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WANTED

A SHIPS DRAUGHTSMAN of 5 to 10 years experience and conversant with the design of small craft; barges and lighters, for appointment in a temporary war organisation for the duration of the war. Pay Rs. 150|- p.m. in the scale of Rs. 150-5-170. Apply to The Assistant Director (Administration, D.G.S.R., Reserve Bank Building, Mint Road, Bombay.) (7878)

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for reconditioning of scrap white metal No. 6. Form obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2|- per copy not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 9-3-1944 at 3 p.m. (S.T.). 7846

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Medical Women for the post of Professor of Maternity and Child Welfare at the All-India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta.

PAY.—(1) For officers not belonging to the Women's Medical Service.

Pay at Rs. 1,050-50|2-1,350 p.m. plus 150 p.m. overseas pay (if admissible).

(2) For officers of the Women's Medical Service.

(i) Pay of grade in the scale of pay in that service, viz., Rs. 450-50|3-850 p.m.

(ii) Special pay at Rs. 400 p.m.

(iii) House Rent allowance at Rs. 150 p.m.

(iv) Overseas pay (if admissible) at the following rates:—

If pay is Rs. 600 or less—Rs. 100 p.m.

If pay is Rs. 650 or more—Rs. 150 p.m.

Candidates must have had experience of the executive and administrative aspects of Maternity and Child Welfare. Preference will be given to candidates who have had experience in directing or conducting research, lecturing to students and with special qualifications in Pediatrics.

Full particulars regarding Conditions of Service and prescribed form of application are obtainable from the Secretary, Recruitment and Appointments Board, C|o The Public Health Commissioner with the Government of India, Imperial Secretariat, New Delhi.

The last date for the receipt of completed application forms is the 17th March, 1944. (7890)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai HIRABAI, widow of Vadilal Nagardas has contracted with out client for the absolute sale to him free from incumbrances of the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 7 days from the date hereof, as otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim, if any and the same will be considered as treated as having been absolutely waived and abandoned.

DESCRIPTION

All that piece of land with the buildings standing thereon situate in the village of Andheri Taluka South Salsette Bombay Suburban District in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra admeasuring according to recent Survey 2143 sq. yds. and assessed by the Collector under Survey No. 64 Pot. No. 1, Survey No. 98 Pot No. 1 and Survey No. 124 Entry No. 101.

Dated this 17th day of February 1944.

KHANDVALA & CHHOTALAL,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(7867)

142. EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Appear in Certificate, D. Com. Degree April Examinations. Stenographers, Accountants, Secretaries get F.S.C., A.S.C. Society of Commerce, Sohangunj, Delhi. 3984

Wanted:—Candidates for Station Masters training. Free lodging and railway fare terms. Scholarship Rs. 120|-. Apply with -|1|6 to Director, All India Railway Commercial & Telegraph School, Daryaganj, Delhi. 4000

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Wanted respectable Chief Agent for the Presidency of Bombay. Apply for terms to Mr. J. L. Saha. Managing Director, the Asia Mutual Insurance Co. Ltd., 2, Dalhousie Square, East, Calcutta. (4123)

347 LOANS & MORTGAGES

We finance loans to Gazetted Officers on easy terms. Please enquire: Messrs. V. Kumar & Co., Financiers, Post Box No. 11, Poona Cantonment. 3999

651. MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Wanted prospective job or business seekers in their own city. Write to National Industries Raoli, Agra. (3983)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
WAR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Firms (or persons) who imported Motor Cars and|or Trucks during the years 1937, 1938 and 1939 are requested to furnish a statement in the form below of their imports during each of those years. Information should also be given regarding

(1) the territory served by them during those years and

(2) whether distributing rights are still held.

The statement and information should be sent in time to reach this Department by the 8th March 1944.

Controller of Road Transport.

	1937	1938	1939
PASSENGER CARS of makes and types			
1			
2			
3			
4			
and so on			
Total	—	—	—
TRUCKS— of makes and types			
1			
2			
3			
4			
and so on			
Total	—	—	—

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SAVINGS FUND DEPOSIT RULES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the General Public and the Depositors of the Bank that in place of existing rules No. 5, 20, 22, 37 and 40 of the Savings Fund Account, the following have been substituted:—

RULE NO. 5.

"The Smallest sum that can be accepted at the time of opening an account is Rs. 10|- and thereafter no deposit for less than Rs. 5|- will be accepted. An account the balance of which shall fall below Rs. 5| may be closed at the Bank's discretion. A depositor cannot deposit a larger sum than Rs. 20,000|- in all."

RULE NO. 20

"A depositor may withdraw money from his account twice in a week into an aggregate amount of Rs. 500|-. A week counts from Monday to Saturday."

RULE NO. 22

"Where sums over Rs. 500|- are required to be withdrawn a notice of withdrawal will be necessary according to the following scale:—

(i) for amount exceeding Rs. 500|- but not exceeding Rs. 2,000|- Two weeks.

(ii) for amounts exceeding Rs. 2,000|- but not exceeding Rs. 5,000|-.....One month.

(iii) for amounts exceeding Rs. 5,000|-.....Two months.

In all such cases where notice of withdrawal has been given the weekly withdrawals will not be permitted."

RULE NO. 37

"Where a depositor wants to transfer the amount standing in his Savings Fund Account to a Fixed Deposit Account, for a period of not less than six months, the notice required under Rule 22 is not necessary even though the amount to be thus transferred exceeds Rs. 500|-. Interest is duly allowed in such cases for the days the amount remains in the Savings Fund Account notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 40."

RULE NO. 40.

"The calculation will, however, be made for each calendar month on the lowest balance at credit of an account between the close of the 5th day and the end of the month and only on every complete sum of Rs. 5|- not exceeding Rs. 20,000|- in all. No interest is allowed when it comes to less than annas four at the time of calculation." The above rules come into effect from 1st of March 1944.

GENERAL MANAGER.
(7892)

NOTIFICATION

RAJKOT, 13th February, 1944.

WANTED an experienced LADY DOCTOR, preferably with recognised British qualifications and colloquial knowledge of Gujarati, to take charge of the Rasulkhanji Hospital for Women at Rajkot. Pay Rs. 400-20-500, free furnished quarters and right to half fees of private practice.

Selected candidates required to join appointment on 12th June, 1944. Apply with copies of testimonials (which will not be returned) to the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident on or before 30th April, 1944, after which date no applications will be considered. (7894)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
SETH G. S. MEDICAL COLLEGE, PAREL, BOMBAY, 12

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Registered Medical Practitioners for the post of Honorary Assistant Surgeon at the K. E. M. Hospital and Seth G.S.M. College. Persons possessing post-graduate qualifications in Surgery only need apply. The terms and conditions attached to the post will be furnished by the Dean's Office on personal application.

Applications on prescribed forms to be obtained from the Dean's Office on payment of annas eight should reach the undersigned on or before Saturday the 4th March, 1944.

Canvassing of any sort will disqualify the candidate concerned

(Sd.) R. P. KOPPIKAR, M.S., F.C.P.S. (Bom.)
DEAN

Parel, Bombay 12.
Dated 11th Feb. 1944.
(7887)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TARABAI widow of NANABHAI SADANAND MASTAKAR has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

ALL persons having any claims or demands against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easements, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Darya Mahal, 375, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the Sale will be completed without reference to any such claim or demand and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL those pieces or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground or Oart now forming into one piece or parcel of land situate lying and being at Lady Hardinge Road, outside the Fort and in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 7,011 Square Yards or little more or less and assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's New Survey No. 1 & 1|1517 and Cadastral 1521

Survey Nos. 654 and 655 of Mahim Division and assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "G" Ward Nos. 4808, 4809(1), 4809(2), 4810 and 4825 (3) and Street Nos. 137-138, 138A and 139, 154 B and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by Public Lane, on or towards the West partly by the property of Bidaye and partly by the property of Ball-govind, on or towards the North by the Oart of Pandurang Raghoba Pitale and on or towards the South by Lady Hardinge Road.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1944.

SHROFF & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(7863)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MANSUKHLAL ATMARAM MASTER and NAGINDAS TRIBHOVANDAS MASTER have contracted with our clients for the absolute sale to them free from all claims and incumbrances the undermentioned property. All persons having any claim or interest to or in the said property or any part thereof of any nature whatsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office, No. 8 Nanabhai Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof as otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claims if any, and the same will be considered and treated as having been absolutely waived and abandoned.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

ALL those pieces of land, situate at Kandivli in Taluka South Salsette in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, Bombay Suburban District and bearing the following particulars:—

Entry Nos. in the record of rights register.	Survey No.	Pot No.	Falni No.	Area Acre - Gunthas	Assessment
575	82	2	0	0 — 30¾	5 0 0
576	82	0	1	0 — 2½	0 1 0
575	82	1	0	0 — 14½	10 15 0
575	82	3	0	2 — 24¼	
577	82	4	0	0 — 5¾	0 12 0
575	82	5	0	0 — 23¾	
575	62	6	0	0 — 2¼	19 15 0
575	82	0	2	0 — 13¾	
575	82	0	3	0 — 4¼	
				4 — 29¾	

Dated this 18th day of February, 1944.

THAKOREDAS, & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
7872

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mrs. LILLIAN VICTOR of Bombay Christian inhabitant has contracted to sell to my client the undermentioned property. Any persons having any right, title, interest claim or demand in to or upon the said property or any part thereof is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his Office at Esplanade Mansion, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the same will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground, situate at Vile-Parle, Taluka South Salsette, Bombay Suburban District, in the registration Sub-district of Bandra containing by admeasurement 814 Sqr. Yds. or thereabouts being Sub-plot No. 152A of Plot No. 153 of Town Planning scheme No. II of Vile-Parle.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1944.

RAMCHANDRA T. KARNIK,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(7897)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. PURSHOTAM TULSIBHAI PATEL and Bai CHANCHAL, wife of Purshotam Tulsibhai Patel, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Tamarind House, 36, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY ABOVE REFERRED TO:

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground of, Pension and Tax Tenure (cess whereof is since redeemed) situate, lying and being at Peddar Road, without the Fort of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2130 (two thousand one hundred and thirty) Square Yards or thereabouts with the messuages, tenements, bungalow-dwelling house, structures and outhouses, standing thereon and known as "SUKH SAGAR" and which said premises are registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 17 and 355, New Nos. 1|90 and 2226, Old Survey No. 81 and New Survey Nos. 7|7119 and 8A|7119 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 706 of Malbar Hill and Cumballa Hill Division and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under D Ward No. 3491 (1-2) and Street Nos. 66-68 and 70 and bounded, on or towards the East by Peddar Road aforesaid, on or towards the West and North by properties of Jairajbhoy Peerbhoy and on or towards the South by the property of the Late Morarji Goculdas.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1944.

PATHARE & LILADHAR,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(7858)

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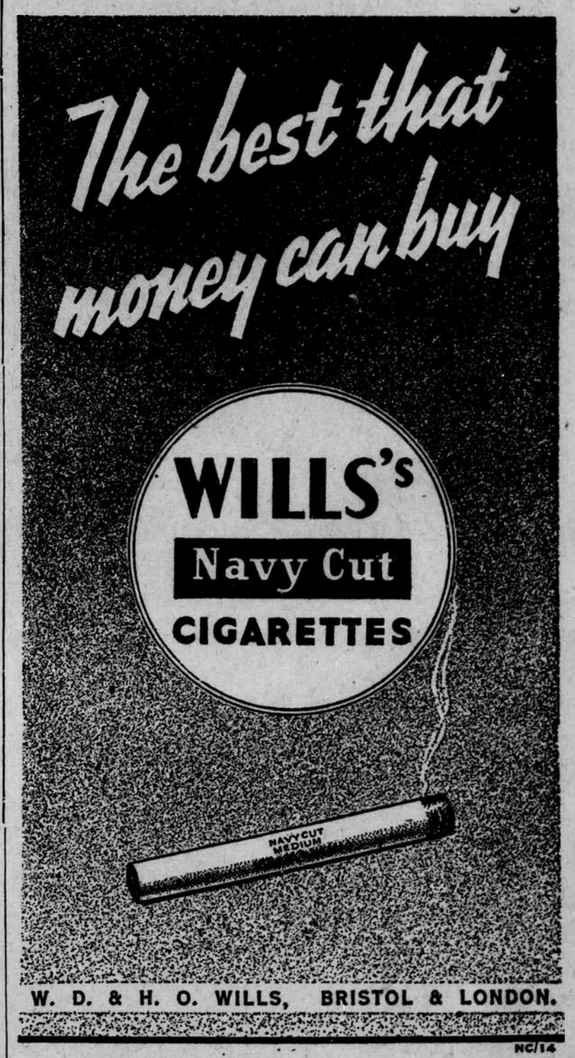

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